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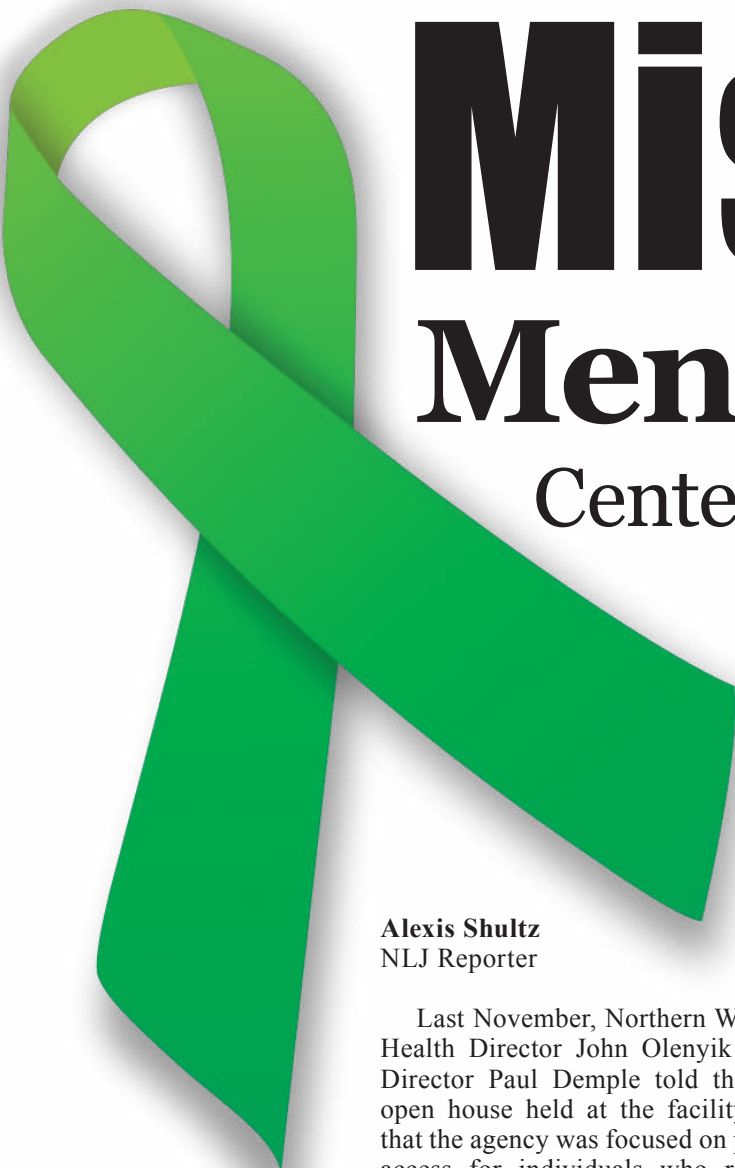
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Mission: Mental Health Center short-staffed again

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Last November, Northern Wyoming Mental Health Director John Olenyik and Executive Director Paul Demple told the people at an open house held at the facility in Newcastle that the agency was focused on providing quick access for individuals who required mental health services. Unfortunately, that challenge

proved to be considerably more difficult than anticipated according to a pair of reports presented to local governments last week.

On January 19, Olenyik attended the Newcastle City Council meeting to provide his quarterly report, and he followed it up by appearing before the Weston County Commissioners the same day. Both reports revolved around a number of issues NWMH has encountered, and the most notable of them is a lack of counselors available to treat patients. Olenyik told both groups that one of the facility's counselors has resigned from her position and another has been on extended medical leave.

That leaves Olenyik as the only counselor available to see all of the patients who come to the Newcastle office, which has created

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Bear Lodge project frozen

Todd Bennington, NLJ Reporter

Less than two weeks after a long-delayed draft Environmental Impact Statement was finally issued by the U.S. Forest Service, Rare Element Resources has announced a request to suspend its proposed Bear Lodge mining project, citing challenges related to depressed commodity prices and a lack of financial capital.

"The board of directors ... has directed the company to continue to conserve cash due to the current difficult markets and suspend all permitting and licensing efforts at this time, including the EIS process," a company press release stated.

Speaking to the NLJ, RER Vice-President for Government and Community Relations George Byers emphasized, however, the financial strain the delayed draft EIS has placed on the company.

"The problem goes back to the fact that the draft EIS was originally scheduled to be in our hands and to be out to the public in February of last year," he stated. "The Forest Service continued to move slowly on the process, and, unfortunately, while that process slowed down, we were trying to keep people employed and we spent money. We finally had to take some steps to cut the cash burn while we waited for the Forest Service to finish its process. They were 11 months late in getting the draft EIS out."

Byers wasn't sure of RER's exact employment figures off-hand when he spoke with the NLJ, though the Casper Star-Tribune reported Tuesday that employment at the company has been reduced from 25 to seven employees

"We've had a workforce reduction. We tried to keep the workforce stable as long as we could ... We had to do some things to conserve money," Byers acknowledged.

Moving forward, Byers reported RER is pursuing sources of capital, possibly in the form of a partner or potential major mineral purchaser with an interest in investing in the project. He emphasized both the unique nature of the Bear Lodge ore deposit and the company's proprietary processing technology.

"The project is on suspension. It has not been put on the shelf," he added. "Being on suspension by the Forest Service means, when funding happens, then we can pick this up and move it quickly."

Byers indicated the company currently has no timeframe

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County looks at involuntary detentions

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

At the Jan. 19 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners, County Attorney William Curley broached the possibility of giving Northern Wyoming Mental Health

sole responsibility for making determinations on the involuntary detention of persons for mental health reasons within the county.

Curley cited a portion of Wyoming Statute 25-10-112 that he said allows the county to designate such an authority to make decisions on so-called Title 25 cases.

He said he plans to approach the commissioners at their next regular meeting and ask for a written resolution giving the responsibility to Northern Wyoming Mental Health.

John Olenyik, who directs Northern's services within the county, was questioned

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Ice Rescue Training for Firemen

Jim Prell and David Scott were among the Newcastle Volunteer Firemen that participated in an Ice Rescue Training on Saturday. Look for full story and more photos in next week's News Letter Journal. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)



Code allows little recourse for abandoned buildings

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Residents have long lamented what many feel is the growing number of abandoned or neglected properties in Newcastle, and the negative impact they have on the town's overall appearance. Unfortunately, according to city officials, there may be very little local government can do to address the problem.

During the last City Council meeting held in 2015, on December 21, Councilman Steven Ladwig raised the issue again when he expressed concerns brought to his attention by a constituent about an older building located in downtown Newcastle.

Ladwig questioned the council on the options available to the city to have the structure repaired or removed, which prompted both City Engineer Bob Hartley and City Attorney Jim Peck to address the difficulties faced by governments who wish to confront such problems on privately owned properties.

The duo explained that Newcastle has adopted the 1997 edition of the Uniform Code For The Abatement of Dangerous Buildings. This document is produced by the same organiza-

tion that creates the uniform building, plumbing, electrical and similar codes adopted by Newcastle and other municipalities throughout Wyoming (and the nation) to govern work performed on private structures.

According to the current code, unless a building is an imminent threat to the public, there is really no action the city can take to force a property owner to implement repairs or undertake improvements.

"If a building is vacant and secured against entry, then nothing else can be required of the owner, unless the building constitutes an immediate danger to the life, limb, property or safety of the public," Peck explained in a letter describing potential steps that could be taken by the city.

This, according to Hartley, means the city can do very little to address unsightly properties if the building is not falling down or creating any other imminent threat to public safety.

"We operate under a code that basically boils down to— it has to remain safe and it isn't a harm to public safety. If you have animals in it we can ask you to board it up," the engineer stated, noting that other municipalities in the area aren't moving to take further steps on such properties either.

"Other towns are not doing it either. It is virtually impossible," maintained Hartley.

He asserted that the City of Newcastle does as much as it can, and has spent countless hours and dollars trying to work through the issue and will continue to do so. He also noted that he is currently trying to seek out the owner of the building in question.

"There is really a good and a bad

side to this. The good part is Wyoming really holds property rights sacred," Hartley told the News Letter Journal.

He confirmed, however, that the negative aspect of the current code means that there are some buildings in town that fall into such a state of disrepair that it devalues adjoining properties. Due to the fact that current ordinance does not allow the the city to force property owners to address

concerns raised by neighbors and other residents, the only recourse available to local government is to try to encourage owners of such properties to undertake improvements.

"We try to work with people as much as we can to get them to clean it up," Hartley announced.

He acknowledged that the cost of

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City reps question the landfill plan

Todd Bennington, NLJ Reporter

Newcastle officials expressed skepticism at a Jan. 20 meeting with the board of the Weston County Solid Waste District in regard to a proposal in which the district would finance the closure of the city's existing landfill and the opening of a new facility on an adjacent 40-acres of land. City officials agreed, however, to continue the discussion of cooperative possibilities at a later date.

Speaking of the Wyoming Department of Environmental

Quality's Cease and Transfer Program, which provides up to 75 percent of the costs associated with landfill closure and transfer station construction for shipment of waste elsewhere, Newcastle City Engineer Bob Hartley said he doesn't believe the DEQ will sign off on an arrangement in which Newcastle opens another landfill — especially one next to their current facility.

"If we run the landfill next door, I don't think we'd ever get [the DEQ funding] because we're not ceasing and transferring. We're moving on.

We're expanding the landfill," said Hartley. "I went back and read those statutes today, and I don't think we'd ever qualify for this."

Hartley estimated Newcastle's closure costs at between \$1 million and \$1.5 million.

Newcastle Mayor Greg James also expressed doubts about the idea of the city running a district-funded landfill on the yet-to-be purchased 40 acres.

"I don't think I could sell it to the

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Sunny
Hi 50, Lo 31



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 48, Lo 31



Saturday
AM Snow Showers
Hi 39, Lo 24



Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 34, Lo 21



Monday
Snow Showers
Hi 30, Lo 14



Tuesday
Cloudy
Hi 23, Lo 7

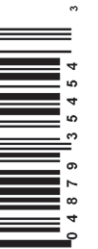


Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 25, Lo 8



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Our view

Not Impossible

We have known for a number of years that treating mental health problems is just as important as addressing concerns about your physical well-being, and few in Weston County would argue with that assertion given the number of tragedies associated with mental health issues that have occurred here in the past few years. The fact that poor mental health has a direct effect on physical health has been well-documented, and the impact of mental illness on families, communities and careers ranges from unpleasant to downright debilitating.

It has also become clear that the loss suffered as a result of mental illness isn't just of a personal nature, as it has proven to be economically and emotionally significant to society as well. Studies have indicated that over 40 million Americans grapple with mental health issues, and other research has suggested that as many as one in four people in this country has symptoms of a mental illness.

Yet many of those who suffer from the disease don't seek the help they need, and mental health professionals have long claimed that the "stigma" associated with mental illness prevents us from bridging the gap between mental health services and those who need to access them. There are many in this community, however, who have worked hard to erase most of the outdated perceptions about mental health and promote a message that encourages people to ignore whatever "stigma" they believe exists and seek out the assistance they need.

We believe that message has been well-received by the majority of the community we serve, but the effort to increase awareness and understanding has been thwarted by a lack of consistent availability of mental health services in Weston County. By the time people are able to get the help it was so hard for them to ask for, the moment has passed—and so has the opportunity to treat another sufferer.

We wouldn't tolerate it if the hospital announced that it had run out of doctors, and emergency room patients were told they had to wait three or more weeks to have a physical ailment diagnosed and treated. If we truly hope to decrease the impacts of mental illness in our community, we have to take firm and definitive steps to make it clear that we both expect and deserve better in the mental health realm as well.

The State of Wyoming obviously has a role to play in ensuring that those services are more readily available to the people who live in Weston County and other rural communities, but in light of current revenue projections it isn't likely that additional resources will be coming from that direction anytime soon. That means it is up to us to identify solutions to the problem we are confronted with, and we want to encourage local government officials to be proactive in finding a way to make a greater number of resources and a more consistent level of service available to the growing number of people who need them. They can start by sitting down with potential local partners like Weston County Health Services, FOCUS and the Prevention Management Organization to see if there is a better way to coordinate support from those groups. We suggest they also discuss the issue with other communities to determine how we can work together, and believe they should insist that the various groups to which they belong (Wyoming Association of Municipalities, Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Wyoming School Boards Association, etc.) start to aggressively lobby the State of Wyoming to identify comprehensive ways to ensure that people in rural communities can and will receive an appropriate level of care.

We also believe it is imperative for local officials to challenge our current provider, Northern Wyoming Mental Health, to build a framework within its own organization that allows for greater sharing of resources across the counties it serves. That will safeguard communities like ours from the staffing shortfalls that have plagued the local office for the past several months—even years. We value the professionals who provide mental health services at that office, but are beginning to think the pressure of constantly being overbooked and understaffed has created a vicious cycle that simply repeats itself.

The mission of adequately addressing this mental health issue in Weston County won't be easy, but it certainly isn't impossible—and it is one we must choose to accept immediately if we hope to avoid watching it grow into a true mental health crisis.

Letters to the Editor.....

Employees have a part to play in a safe workplace

Dear Editor,

There is a common perception that employer fines will reduce employee accidents. There is little concern for employee carelessness. One of the main reasons the rate in Wyoming is so high is that auto accidents are included.

There is a reason for the high rate and that is that so many jobs in Wyoming require a considerable amount of driving to get to the work site. Seat belts are often ignored and the employer has little control over this problem.

It is a very unusual employer who forces an employee to perform dangerous tasks, but it is not unusual for an employee to take shortcuts when doing ordinary tasks.

The employer cannot have a supervisor overseeing each employee 100 percent of the time. The best he can do is to try to educate the employee about the conditions he is working under and hope it works. There are numerous cases of employees having been instructed and then ignoring the instructions and causing an accident. The result is a fine for the employer and no consequences for the employee. A fine for violating instructions might reduce the tendency of ignoring instructions.

We have agencies whose purpose is to inspect the workplace for hazards and they do this, but when an inspection is concluded there should be no problems. Often times the inspectors will not note a problem and on the return visit they will find a new violation which should have been detected before. It seems they purposely leave some things for future visits. Record keeping has become a very large part of maintaining a workplace. Records are necessary, but when they become more important than physical requirements they can be excessive.

I operated an oil production company with 15 to 25 employees for 35 years doing all phases of operations, and the worst accident we had was one broken arm. There were no inspections until the last five years. I instructed the employees

on safety, most of which was common sense.

Excessive regulations will not result in more safety, but will result in decreased efficiency of labor.

—Don Thorson

A way to bullet-proof electrical infrastructure

Dear Editor,

I have tried unsuccessfully for several months to get some kind of interest or even a simple e-mail response from folks in safety and maintenance management positions at all of our area electrical power corporations.

So, I thought I'd try the print media to see if there might be a curious editor or a reader who would perk up long enough to consider possible solutions to a nationwide problem.

I hear stories about problems of hardware susceptibility within our nation's electrical infrastructure (almost on a daily basis). I am wondering why it would not be possible and/or practical to utilize Kevlar—shaped in kind of a girdle fashion—to surround transformers and maybe even larger insulators as a protective shield.

Imagine this example: The Kevlar shield could be constructed to stand away from the body of a transformer by using non-conductive plastic dowels at appropriate distances around the circumference—the same principle might be applied to insulators by using molded plastic ribs.

The distance for the stand-offs from the body of the transformer would be great enough to prevent a bullet or shrapnel from touching the body of the container or insulator after inward expansion of the shield was expressed by the impact of the projectile.

Also, the big plus in this idea would be that Kevlar would be a dirt cheap investment compared to the cost of equipment replacement and the downtime being factored in as a financial loss.

Sound at all feasible to any good ol' down to earth electrical engineers?

—JD Smith

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Rate increase may force us to find another place to play

Dear Editor,

Several errors appeared in last week's article entitled, "Fair Board hears concerns about rate increases," on page one.

Jill Pischke claims that the RPM event will be receiving a 33 percent discount this year. According to Zane Marty, as stated in the article, RPM will be charged \$3,000.00 per day.

Last year, RPM was charged \$167.00 per day!

Obviously, this increase does not reflect a discount. In fact, it is so excessive that we are evaluating other venues for our mud drags and concert featuring Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band.

RPM Promotions is a new organization which was formed for the sole purpose of bringing a lot of people and money to Weston County, and 100 percent of RPM's profits are re-invested in future events. No money at all is paid to its owners.

Mr. Marty stated that "no other places in the state.....could be rented for six days at even closer to the cost being quoted."

The Casper Grandstand Arena can be rented for \$700.00 per day and the Cheyenne Arena can be rented for \$400.00 per day, so there are definitely comparable sites.

In summary, The Full House Horse Sale will be paying \$2,650.00 for seven days and RPM is expected to pay \$9,000.00 for three days. These exorbitant rates are theoretically needed because the Fair Board lost \$80,000.00 last year.

Why is it the responsibility of a handful of events to cover these losses?

—RPM Promotions LLC
Andrew Wright
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Of a coronation denied?

Dear Editor,

As Hillary's indictment draws near, Slick Willy's biggest fear, is not to be exposed for more past bimbo eruptions. Her lies about what she e-mailed, and foreign policies that failed, are right on par with their Foundation's corruptions.

HRC's latest explanation, is that some in the current administration, have conspired with the Vast Right Wing Conspiracy. It's part of a long festering plot, to deny her the spot, she deserves for helping to keep Willy Free.

Will she be allowed bail, to stay on the campaign trail, if the FBI recommends for indictments? Will she ever rue her plan to Stand By Her Man, when he couldn't control his excitements?

It's for sure not a cinch, that Attorney General Lynch, will pursue what's recommended by the FBI. Will this cause the entitled one's fall, what difference does it make after all? Will she rage, or cackle, or be the picked on one and just cry?

I would not make a bet that what she deserves she will get. It may depend on what all she holds over Barry. As her poll numbers dim, she's saying more nice things about him, and her true believers still aren't one little bit wary.

Willy's worst version of Hell, would be sharing the same cell, with his wife when they're thrown in the clink. For all the times they've both lied, she should still be supplied, with lots of frying pans and lamps some folks think.

—Jim Darlington

Budget deal was nothing we should be celebrating about

Dear Editor,

The primitive skill of understanding people, perceptions and relationships matters greatly.

Everyone thinks in more or less the same way. This is the foundation of political success and the magic of propaganda.

Using your own preconceived ideas of the world around you, the skilled politician can influence your thinking and your belief system.

Political speeches, TV commercials, even some "letters to the editor" have the purpose of influencing your thinking and subsequent action.

It takes a great deal of energy to not be led astray by the better propaganda. Distinguishing between information and really good propaganda is difficult but possible.

A few days before Christmas our political establishment crowded with great pride that they had (at the very last minute) voted to keep America open for business. The previous budget was about to expire.

The newly passed budget bill increased spending to over \$1 Trillion. Also included was decreased income via yet more tax cuts for the very rich.

Does not this add up to more borrowing, more deficit spending?

Ordinary citizens conducting their business this way usually, or should, wind up bankrupt and/or in prison for fraud.

That is the path to losing our Democracy to the mercenary class.

Individually we are responsible for our lot in life. If it is our lot in life to work hard and smart and we do it, that should be respected.

Collectively we must compromise and work together for mutual benefit because we all win or lose as one people. That should be acknowledged and enforced. We can't maintain a civilization without reciprocity.

Some of the charlatans of Congress will rant and rave about that "mutual benefit" part even while they themselves are getting large kickbacks from their "corporate friends."

This observation has been made more eloquently many times before but we citizens never follow through with any meaningful reprisal.

Our bad!

—Jerry Baird

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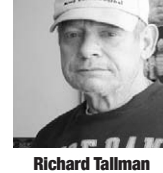
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predicted for how long it will be before it will seek to recommence the EIS process.

Contacted by the NLJ, the Forest Service's Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor for the Black Hills National Forest, said lifting the suspension should be a straightforward process when RER makes the request.

"If they came back with the same proposal, the only thing that might be different is if there are new laws that come into play that have to be evaluated against that proposal. Those sorts of things would have to be updated," Bobzien explained.

Asked to speak to the delays associated with the draft EIS, Bobzien said he stands by what he said was the thorough evaluation process undertaken by his agency.

"I'm responsible for the oversight and completing the draft EIS, and I will take responsibility in that when [the proposal] came out we felt it was of sufficient quality to really examine the types of issues that were raised about the project," he stated.

Bobzien cited the need to address the potential effects of a 640-acre area of land to be covered with mine tailings and scientific study into the potential effects on surface and groundwater as examples of matters that contributed to the delay.

"It requires some pretty sophisticated scientific review to complete that, and that was one

of our biggest time-consuming steps," he said of the study on the possible effects to water quality. "... The company did pay for that study, so I commend that. I just said we have to have that in order to be able to disclose the environmental effects of the draft EIS, and that was a pretty time-consuming process."

Asked about the time and resources the Forest Service has put toward the EIS process, Bobzien acknowledged they have been significant, adding that other cooperators have invested significantly as well. A non-exhaustive list includes Crook County, the State of Wyoming, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bobzien noted.

Bobzien said he continues to encourage public input on the project if and when it moves forward.

"The public raising its interest, whether it's the interest in what the mine could accomplish, the jobs it could create, or its concerns about cultural resources or the water quality I mentioned, or what are the impacts on the future of the land going to be, during and after the mine, those kind of public issues are really invaluable to me as far as how we should evaluate this mine," he concluded.

Given the project's suspension, scheduled public meetings and a 45-day public comment period on the draft EIS have been postponed indefinitely.

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significant wait times.

"Hope Phelon resigned from our agency. It is a significant loss. Our other therapist is on extended medical leave, so that leaves me and because of this we are three to four weeks out on getting new intakes in," Olenyik professed before noting that in the case of an emergency situation, his schedule will be arranged to allow a patient to be seen sooner.

This report comes only two months after Olenyik announced to the Newcastle City Council that the facility was aiming to provide quicker access to those in need. At that time, he noted that a policy was going to be implemented to get patients in to see a counselor within 24 hours. He also said at the time that the facility would work on providing evening and weekend hours to meet the community's need for mental health services.

In order to address the shortfall, officials at the facility have been searching for a replacement for Phelon, and Olenyik was able to report that a new counselor is set to begin in March after being offered the position this month.

"We got the news yesterday that she has accepted our offer and will be joining us in March," Olenyik stated, declaring that it will be wonderful to get her started and involved in aiding those in need. He reported to the County Commission last Tuesday that the new counselor will be moving here from Alabama, and will begin working on March 1.

He further indicated that the situation with the counselor who is on medical leave is unknown, and so is the date in which she will return, but he suggested that once the current staffing issues were straightened out the outlook for providing greater access to care

would improve considerably.

"Things will start looking a lot better and more comfortable with the staffing situation," he predicted after acknowledging that some uncertainty would continue to exist until help arrives in about a month.

According to Olenyik, NWMH is also worried about the agency's financial situation, and he stated that it could be changing significantly within the next few months. He expressed concern that the State of Wyoming will cut funding for mental health during the next budget session due to the revenue shortfalls encountered as a result of the downturn in the fossil fuel industry.

"We are grateful for what the state allocates for us. What is new and put into the new contract is that as of February, as they track our service hours, if they project we are not going to make our mandated service hours, then they can withhold funds from the 2016 year," Olenyik told the City Council. He admitted that this would impact the ability NWMH has to aid mental health and substance abuse patients.

"This is not just unique to Northern, but to all mental health and substance abuse facilities," Olenyik said. He noted that it is a good incentive to meet the service goals set for them, but it does make the facility nervous about what the next month could bring before indicating that NWMH's local office has been very busy and that he is pleased with the current number of patients they are seeing.

"We are averaging four new intakes a week, and of those three of them are in for substance abuse disorder and the other is mental health. Most of our work is in substance disorder," professed Olenyik.

While the downturn in the energy industry has raised

concerns over funding for the services provided by the facility, the local counselor disclosed that NWMH is also preparing for a possible increase in substance abuse and mental health issues as a result of jobs lost and personal financial hardships encountered by local families as a result of the declining state of the oil and coal industries in recent months.

"We are aware and doing some preplanning as issues in the economy continue to deteriorate," Olenyik suggested.

He divulged that another concern is the ability for the facility to provide psychiatric services to clients under the age of 14.

"There are no services for children and adolescents. This is a real concern for us," declared Olenyik.

He explained that currently NWMH contracts with a company that provides psychiatric services and has the ability to determine the need for medication, but acknowledged that the current service is unable to provide services to anyone under the age of 14.

The NWMH Director admitted that in Wyoming it is very rare to find someone trained in working with children, but hinted that a solution could reveal itself.

"We are working on an idea to address the situation," Olenyik reported, adding that he has also been in contact with Weston County Health Services and they confirmed that they were grappling with the same issue.

Councilman Steven Ladwig questioned the need for those services, and pointedly asked Olenyik if he was treating kids that were younger than 14.

"I can not be real specific, but I have children on my caseload, and the youngest is five years old," Olenyik nodded.



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Newcastle Elementary School Good Citizen Awards

Josiah Martinez - 3rd, Mrs. Liggett



Each month we meet and talk about our good citizens of the month. You may ask yourself; How do I become a good citizen? The answer to that question is honesty, compassion, and good work ethics. Honesty is the basic theme of good citizenship. A person must be honest with others, and with himself or herself, in order to be a good citizen. Compassion is the emotion of caring for people and for other living things. A good citizen shows compassion to others around them. Finally, work ethic is the belief that hard work is a reward unto itself. Third grade has a student that represents all those qualities. I have never seen him being dishonest, rude, or unprepared. Rather, I have found him to be courteous to everyone he is around, willing to play and work with anyone, as well as, always having a great attitude while working on things that can sometimes be confusing and difficult to learn. He celebrates others' achievements with a big, "Good job!" as well as finding joy in his own successes. Everyone I know absolutely adores his personality and is just as excited as I am to introduce January's good citizen for third grade, Josiah Martinez!

Julie Day - 4th, Mrs. Giesler




Our student population is unique in many different ways, but the student chosen for the month of January is a very special young lady. She exhibits many qualities of an extraordinary individual; talented in so many ways. She is a silent hero, quietly doing what is asked of her; neat and timely work, assisting fellow classmates, and providing friendship to everyone. Each day she enters the room with a warm smile and a cheerful hello; showing compassion to others, and is eager to be involved with classroom activities. She is an outstanding role model for children in our classroom, as well as the community of Newcastle. While being a Girl Scout, a member of 4-H, a participant in girls' basketball, soccer, dance, and an active member with her church, this fourth grader maintains a good sense of balance between academics and extracurricular activities. We are fortunate and excited to have her as a classmate in our room! It is with great pleasure we could select the fourth grade good citizen for the month of January! Congratulations to Julie Day!

Elizabeth Rushton - 5th, Mrs. McConkey



Our fifth grade good citizen for the month of January is a stellar example of what it means to be a good citizen. This student demonstrates the necessary qualities a good citizen should possess on a daily basis, through her attitude and her actions. From the moment she walks into our classroom each morning, this student brightens up the room. She has a big heart and a bubbly personality. She is kind, caring, helpful, and eager to help others whenever she has the chance. Classmates can always count on her for encouragement and assistance. She is a hard worker who almost always comes to class prepared, eager, and ready to learn. She is focused and determined to do her best, and she is unafraid to go out on a limb and try something new. She has learned the value of patience and persistence. She knows the importance of taking the time to carefully check her work and adjust her answers. This good citizen is a shining star who goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She demonstrates the essential qualities our class is looking for in a good citizen. Congratulations to our January fifth grade good citizen, Elizabeth Rushton.

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February 2016 Schedule

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Dr. Alex Schabauer	None
To schedule appt. call 800-432-7822	
Oncology/Hematology: Dr. Keith Mills	Feb. 18
To schedule appointments call 307-688-1900	
VA Mental Health: (2nd Friday of Month)	Feb. 12
VA Clinic:	Feb. 1
ENT Clinic: Dr. Schleiffarth	Feb. 29
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Wellness Wednesday:	Feb. 10, Feb. 24
2nd & 4th Wed., ER/OP Entrance, No appointment necessary 6:30-8:30am	

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The family of Jody Bruce would like to thank all relatives and friends who have been so helpful and kind. We appreciate everyone who celebrated Jody's life with us, sent flowers, cards and memorial donations to the Weston County Manor. A special thank you to Pastor Steve Langer, Janice Langer, Dean Johnson, and Lynda Russell for sharing your special gifts and talents. Thank you to the Order of Eastern Star, Weston County Cowbells and the Senior Center for hosting the reception. We have been touched by the exceptional care given to Jody by the Weston County Manor staff, Weston County Memorial Hospital staff, Dr. Jurrard, and Dr. Franklin. We will always be grateful for your concern and professionalism.

Sincerely,
Jody's Loving Family



The mail must go on



Postal employee Connie Hiser braves the snowy, blustery day to deliver Newcastle's mail. (Jessica Yarnes/NLJ)

Newcastle Elementary School

January Good Deed Winners



Chase Smith 3rd grade, Dalton Page 5th grade, Zach Orsborn 4th grade, Hailey Beasom 3rd grade, Shyann Bowman 4th grade, Oakley Checketts 5th grade.



Obituary

Delwayne Zundel
Apr. 12, 1935-Jan. 11, 2016
Delwayne "PeeWee" Zundel was born the youngest of eleven, on the family farm south of Jud, N.D. on April 12, 1935 to Christ and Emma (Frey) Zundel.

After the passing of his father in 1937, he was raised between his mother and stepfather, and his sister Sara and husband Floyd Fode. Delwayne

did various work for his sister and brother-in-law on their farm until he joined the United States Army.

Delwayne was honorably discharged after serving his country, and returned home for a short time. Delwayne moved to Newcastle and resided there until his death.

Delwayne was known for his witty humor by his family

and friends. He enjoyed history and one of his favorite yearly trips in June was to go see the Crazy Horse Monument taking pictures and walking the trail. He also enjoyed watching classic cowboy movies and was a big John Wayne fan.

He is survived by his brother Calvin (Marcella) Zundel, San Luis Obispo, Calif. and sister-in-law Betty Zundel, Aberdeen,

S.D., and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and stepfather John Rath, siblings, Albert, John, Sara, Ted, Baldwin, Maggie, Emmanuel "Christ", Carrie, and George.

The family would like to thank all the friends that touched Delwayne's life and were there for him until the time of his passing.

Former FOCUS director pleads guilty

Todd Bennington
NLJ Reporter

Former FOCUS director Amy Natchke, who left the non-profit advocacy agency in 2013, and is also known as Amy Henry, plead guilty to one count of obtaining property by false pretenses in Sixth Judicial District Court in Campbell County on Jan.

8, according to a press release from the Weston County Attorney's Office.

Natchke, who was arrested in May of last year in the State of Washington, was facing two additional counts related to her alleged misuse of FOCUS funds that are to be dismissed as part of a plea agreement. Also as part of the plea deal, Natchke agreed to pay restitution to FOCUS in the

amount of \$19,169 and to plead guilty to a misdemeanor count of obtaining property by false pretenses in Weston County Circuit Court, according to the press release.

Contacted by the NLJ, a FOCUS representative declined to comment on the matter for the time being.

The NLJ will report on sentencing and other information as it becomes available.

Lasagna Luncheon
Sunday, January 31
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
23 N. Seneca
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Fund-raiser for Mission Projects of the United Methodist Men

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Faith and Values

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 pm.
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 am; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 pm, Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Mike Wiles, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm; Eita Nova Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Christian Academy.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Mark Thurman, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and 11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831 and Joe Story 605-891-9954. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

Be Strong & Take Heart

TOUGH DECISIONS AHEAD

When faced with a distasteful situation there is often no choice but to take a deep breath and swallow hard. It takes a lot of strength to meet life's challenges. We can do so with hope and faith if we have God's wisdom to guide us. "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." (Psalm 31:24) Grow in strength as you worship each week and be prepared for whatever comes your way.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
John 14:1-14	1 John 1:1-10	1 John 2:1-17	1 John 2:18-29	1 John 3:1-24	1 John 4:1-21	1 John 5:1-21

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Make now, eat tomorrow: Overnight Oats

It's no secret that adding breakfast to your daily routine is part of a healthy diet. Not only will it fill you up, but it will also boost your energy level, set you up for a better eating pattern, and enhance your productivity throughout the day. Whether you're always in a rush to get out the door or you're someone who prefers to ease into the day without spending too much time in the kitchen, overnight oats are the perfect solution.

The beauty of overnight oats is that they're prepared the night before (hence, the name) and left in the fridge overnight to settle. Not only does the overnight lingering between the oats and their add-ins make them taste delicious, it also makes for a breakfast you can grab straight from the fridge in the morning without any effort – aside from lifting spoon to mouth.

Overnight oats are just oats soaked overnight that absorb the liquid you put on them. The most common mixture is equal parts raw rolled oats, milk, and/or yogurt. Put in the fridge overnight and let the oats soak up the liquids.

That's the base, and toppings are endless. Add the toppings the night before or the next morning – either way

works. Just don't put anything in you don't want getting soggy (i.e. crunchy cereals.) There is NO COOKING involved at all! Although you could heat it just a tiny bit in the microwave to take the chill out.

Any jar or container can hold your oats. An 8-ounce container is a good place to start if you need help with portion control.

Achieve maximum texture with Old Fashioned Rolled Oats. The chewy, hearty texture of steel-cut oats are too firm to use for overnight oats. On the other hand, instant oats will break down, disintegrating completely into the liquid. Adding a pinch of salt to the oats is imperative. Without salt, oats taste like glue.

Try adding 1 teaspoon of chia seeds to the oats. Chia seeds help to thicken the overall texture to an almost pudding-like consistency. They also provide an excellent nutritional boost, as they are a great source of fiber, omega-3 fatty acids, and protein. Keep in mind that chia seeds or any other dry ingredient that you decide to add will soak up some liquid and it will need to be adjusted accordingly.

You can use water or any type of milk – almond milk, soy milk, coconut milk – and

feel free to add a splash of cream, half and half, or even orange juice. Use plain or unsweetened flavors if you want to have full control over the sweetness level.

If you are new to overnight oats, start with 1 part rolled oats to 1 part cold liquid. Then experiment according to your desired consistency, adding more liquid if you like the mixture thinner. When adding yogurt into the mix, start with a 1:1:1 ratio of oats to milk to yogurt.

Sweeten and flavor the oatmeal with whatever appeals to you: honey, agave, jam, maple syrup, brown sugar, flavored extract, citrus zest, etc. An additional way to add flavor is to toast the oats in a dry pan until they're golden brown and nutty-smelling. They'll be much tastier in the final product.

Then get creative with mix-ins: add chopped nuts, dried fruit, shredded coconut, seeds (flax, sunflower, pumpkin), fruit, nut butter, protein powder, granola, cereal, spices (cinnamon, nutmeg, etc.) to take the oats to the next level. Frozen fruit toppings work especially well when soaking overnight - as they thaw, the delicious juices are released into the oats.

If you're looking for a little crunch, don't add any nuts, granola, cereal, or seeds to the oats until just before eating. Most fresh fruit should be

added just prior to digging in, too.

For best results, let the oats soak in the fridge for a full 8 hours so they can absorb all the liquid.

Take a few extra seconds to stir the oats, and you'll be rewarded with the perfect mix of sweetness, chewy texture, and crunch in every bite.

Overnight oats can last for a couple days in the fridge, so make several containers at the beginning of the week!

Here are some flavorful combinations to help you get started:

- Blueberries + pecans + honey
- Coconut flakes + almonds + lemon zest
- Diced apples + cinnamon + nutmeg + maple syrup
- Peanut butter + banana
- Peanut butter + strawberries + all-natural strawberry preserves
- Pumpkin puree + coffee + pumpkin spice
- Grated carrots + raisins + walnuts + apple pie spice
- Dates + orange juice + vanilla
- Pitted cherries + cardamom + unsalted pistachios

Overnight oats are super-easy to prepare, portable, inexpensive, and a delicious way to get your day off on the right foot. Use my suggestions as a guideline to conjure up your own tasty concoctions!

(Sources: <http://blog.foodnetwork.com>; www.bonappetit.com; <http://food52.com>; www.quakeroats.com)



Vicki Hayman
Extension Notes



Honor Roll

2015-2016

High School

"A" Honor Roll

Calbi Ausmann
Kendra Back
Nathaniel Behnke
Nolan Behnke
Daytona Bennett
Katara Cade
Hannah Cass
Aspen Checketts
Laura Chord
Nathina Crabtree
Shaylee Curren
Alyssa Dawson
Abigail Deveraux
Betoney Dixon
Holly Dollison
Samuel Donner
Shaelee Douglas
Rachel Ehlers
Anna Gettinger
Abby Gray

Second Quarter

Brittane Hebbing
Sarah Henkle
Makayla Hofner
Reid Holmes
Alyssa Houser
Kaprina Jones
Maccayla Jordahl
Megan Kenney
Alexis Krogman
Bailey Lacey
Sierra LaCroix
Derek Lewis
NaKala Liggett
Megan Logan
Talon Logan
Perry Martin
Alexis Merchen
Cassandra Munoz
Abigail Nelson
Cade Ostenson

Dennon Parks
Jenna Piper
Peyton Purviance
Cameron Quigley
Courtney Rainbolt
Jade Roady
Tava Rose
Katherine Schraeder
Erika Schultz
Taylor Spain
Lauren Steveson
Kaylee Sweet
Alyssa Umphlett
Lexus Voelker
Wyatt Voelker
Mikenna Waggener
Makenzie Wagoner
Kelsey Wood

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Kyle Allard
John Barker
Matthew Block
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Maxwell Brown
Clayton Colvard
Kaden Curren
Trayton Dawson
Kaitlyn DeFord
Ashlyn Dollison
Heather Donner
Nicole Earnest
Tyler Ford
Madison Frazee
Colin Heaton
Murray Hebbing
Rachel Henkle

Gavin Holmes
Jenna Holmes
Flint Hossfeld
Kassidee Jeppesen
Cooper Karp
Jake Lacey
Paige Liggett
Michelle Lewis
Tyler Lewis
Jonathan Manders
Alec Martinez
Halle McCoy
Heather Michaelis
Gatlin Miller
Vincent Oedekoven
Cierra Ondriezek
Sadie Payne

Kolby Piscioti
Isaac Prell
Marshall Rhoades
Grace Sandrini
Abrienne Sharpes
Kaulen Sundstrom
Bryson Tidyman
SheyAnne Walker
Brenna Watkins
Kaylie White
Kinlee Whitney
Brady Wilkes
Danielle Wood
Glenda Wykoff
Richard Yeager
Jacob Yeatman

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Nolan Behnke
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Katara Cade
Hannah Cass
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Madison Frazee
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First Semester

Rachel Henkle
Sarah Henkle
Makayla Hofner
Jenna Holmes
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Maccayla Jordahl
Megan Kenney
Alexis Krogman
Bailey Lacey
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Perry Martin
Alexis Merchen
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Kaylie White
Brady Wilkes
Kelsey Wood
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Matthew Block
Maxwell Brown
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Kaden Curren
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Kaitlyn DeFord
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Middle School

Principal's Honor Roll

6th Grade:

Ezra Anderson
Summer Bonnar
Aidan Chick
Avery Chick
McKenzie Clark-Brownlow
Angelyse Perez
Derrick Rasmussen
Slade Roberson
Travis Scribner
Isabella Spencer
Tristan Troftgruben

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Nevaeh Bruggeman
Kale Corley
James Cox
Peyton Crinklaw
Asia Graham
Rebecca Henkle
Alaina Laurence
Carson Quigley
Grayson Ramsey
Hailey Wehri
Austin Bush

Jayne Cass
Shelby Davis
Jake Deveraux
Christina Hadlock
Lauren Lacey
Jory McFarland
Hailey McGuire
Madison Pearson
Shelby Stith
Dylon Tidyman
Peyton Tystad
Tessa Vandersnick
Markie Whitney

"A" Honor Roll

6th Grade:

Bailey Benschopf
Duncan Cox
Mathew Drake
Alexis Drury
Xiah Gallardo
Aidan Gorman
Callie Hiser
Robert Humes
Rilee Lewis
LaKacee Lipp
Olivia McVay
Kahlyn Messmer
Autumn Mills
Kayley Munoz
Zade Orsborn
Nickalena Schantle
Nicole Weeg
Joshua Wornack
Logan Wynia

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Carolina Anderson
Claire Beastron
Sierra Checketts
Tristin Clyde
Paige Deyo
Skylar Jenkins
Lacey Johnson
Kacy Jones
Lacie Koester
Abby Lacey
Rya Liggett
Conrad Prell
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Gunner Ramsey
Alaina Steveson
Morgan Sweet
Mercedes Voelker
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Kelsey Bennett
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Jaiden Carter
Grace Coy
Johnna Dawson
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Collin Dudzinski
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January 2016

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 28	11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Health Services Foundation Chamber General Membership Mtg. AA Meeting	Hospital Board Room Chamber Office, Visitor Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 29	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Renee Blare Book Signing Western Ramblers Dance Bingo	WC Library WC Senior Services VFW Hall
Sun 31	11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	FUMC Men's Lasagna Dinner Bingo	First United Methodist Church Corpus Christi Catholic Church
February 2016			
Mon 01	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Jr. Rodeo Meeting AA Meeting City Council	WC Senior Center, Family Room WC Senior Center, Family Room City Council Chambers
Tues 02	12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mobile Vets Center Hunters Education Class WC Travel Commission AA Meeting	Family Dollar Parking Lot LDS Church 821 Holly, Upton Hospital Board Room
Wed 03	12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club	WC Senior Center
Thurs 04	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Chamber Board Meeting VFW Auxiliary FOCUS Board Meeting Salt Creek Water District AA Meeting WC Museum District Masons	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center FOCUS Office District Office WC Senior Center, Family Room Red Onion Museum, Upton Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 05	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 28

Donna Mann

January 29

Hannah Rosenau

Madison Rosenau

January 30

Cheryl Gulley

January 31

Brendon Newman

February 01

Lorraine Currey

Samantha Amdahl

February 02

Kevin Stanton

February 03

Mark Sylte

February 04

Michael Nack

February 05

Nik Tupa

February 06

Jim Smith

February 07

Austin Dixon

Kristen Scharf

February 08


LeRoy Dummer

February 09

Deanne Ottema


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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Another new beginning for *Seniors*



From left to right standing: Pat Adams, Custodian; Lori Yeatman, Admin Asst.; Renee Sherwood, Driver; Brandee Hebbing, Food Service; Candi Meyers, Food Service Manager; Patty Whitney, Food Service; Autumn Meyers, Receptionist; Lee Bergstrom, Food Service; Marv Proctor, Driver; Carolyn Shields, Director; J D Smith, Computer; Billy Quick, Maintenance. Front Row: Board members Glen Hutt, Virginia Tate, Vern Hendricks, Gideon Dixon, and LeRoy Dummer. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

With the loss of Glenda Mefford as the director of Weston County Senior Center, changes are taking place involving the administration of the Center.

Taking her sister Glenda's place as Director will be Carolyn Shields, and she has emphasized that she is moving very slowly, indicating that while there will be a change in positions, they are all working as a team.

Shields has been the Administrative Assistant for many years now, but she will slowly move into Mefford's Directors Chair and the current Receptionist, Lori Yeatman, will become the administrative assistant in Shields's place.

Everybody has a lot of new things to learn and the first step was locating all of the paperwork that the State needed with the loss of Mefford. The State was very patient with them, Shields emphasized, and while it was a time of stress, the fact that they all teamed up to help each other eased the process a great deal.

"Glenda was a great people-person, a greeter, good to everyone and always glad to see them and bring them in," Shields said,

adding that it will never quite be the same as when she was here.

Shields feels like the group is one big family and they will all work with each other to keep this going as the focal point of our community. More than any other building in Newcastle, the Senior Center is a home for many other groups and clubs, many activities from banquets to sewing, Church services, toe nail services for those who can't take care of their feet anymore.... you name it.

The kitchen crew has received many compliments on the meals, the janitorial crew is excellent and the mission of the Center itself in caring for the elder citizens and offering them assistance and comfort is being fulfilled. None of this could probably have happened if it hadn't been for Glenda and all of the wonderful volunteers that helped in many ways, and Shields would also like to send out a call for more volunteers now, noting that many of the first ones have died or left or moved on and new people are needed in many different areas.

The first and most important thing that must be concentrated on is the leaky roof over the

main building. The roof area over the apartments has been done, but the condition of the rest of the roof now is becoming critical and all of the patching that has been done is just not enough any more. While efforts are being made at raising money, it's beginning to look like it is not enough, and possibly too late to help much.

For an enterprise that had such a hesitant start in this big building, it has grown in many different ways and it appears that one project led to another. When Gideon Dixon first told the Board of Directors that the City wanted to give the building to the senior citizens, the reaction wasn't especially good. All that they could see ahead was a lot of work, and it was reported that Glenda announced, "I quit!" A second board member apparently said, "I'm not voting for that," but as Dixon said, they were given an ample amount of time to make a decision—five years—and it grew on them.

Volunteers were generous with their time and labor, and everything started falling into place to become the place that you see now. The community would have a hard time getting along without the use of this asset.

My break for freedom!

Up in North Dakota when I was about 14, I had been learning to drive because in this sensible state, 14 meant that you would



Donna Gochanour
I Remember When

be driving to a town to go to high school—no more one-room school house with all eight grades in it. So, I had been practicing on those country roads south of Noonan, the roads I would be traveling on to get to school. At first, I just got to drive to the mailbox on Ellison's

corner, and usually Butch would ride with me. On this one day, I had driven a little farther down the road, turned around at the next corner and come back. When I got to the mail box the deal was that I would pull up to the box and Butch would pull the mail out of the box. Simple, right?

Having never gotten that close to anything before, I said, "Watch the mailbox Butch," and he hitched his butt over to the door and rolled down the window. I pulled up and couldn't see exactly where I was, but I was counting on him of course.

And then came the bang, crunch, screech and the mailbox disappeared.

Oh my gosh, I ran over the mailbox!

I leaped out of the car and ran around, and sure enough I had creamed that thing good.

"I thought I told you to watch the mailbox!" I yelled at Butch.

"But Sis, I did! You didn't tell me anything else so I just watched it go over," was his reply.

My fault, I did it.

Later that summer, I actually got to drive clear to town and Butch was with me again.

I felt pretty good. I stayed on my side going up hills, I didn't invade any ditches, and got all the way to town and drove down Main Street like a big person. I went out to the highway on the north end of town and planned to go down Highway 5 to the next side road and turn around.

We were coming up to the stop

sign at the highway and Butch was chattering away, telling a story. He came to the punchline just before I got to the stop sign and I heard him say, "yeah, and the neighbor guy lost his gum and thought he found it three times in the chicken house."

I swung around and looked at him in astonishment, missed the stop sign and shot right across Highway 5 and onto 40 going north to Estevan Saskatchewan before I had presence of mind to stop. Of course, Butch sat there and laughed like a maniac, and I just thought we were lucky no traffic was coming.

Well, I loved that car so much. It was magnificent compared to the bike, and the freedom was intoxicating!

YOUR OLD HOME PLACE

You are going back to visit
To your old home place again
And you'll meet your kinfolks gladly
And you'll grasp them by the hand

You will see strange faces among them
And some little voices too
You will be so excited
You won't know what to do

The town will look quite different now
For time will make a change
You'll think quite often of your home
Out there upon the range

There will be some there among them
That have locks of gray
And there'll be some missing ones
Long since laid away

Your old school chums are scattered now
Some gone quite far
Some gone to distant cities
And you won't know where they are

The old land marks you knew so well
Will all be different now
The hand of time has wrought the change
You will stop and wonder how.

Old Rover won't be standing
At the gate when you appear
And there will be some absent ones
That will make you shed a tear

Yes, you will go and make your visit
And your mind will be at rest
And you'll want to hurry back here
To your home here in the West.

Tom Dutcher
Hampshire Wyo.
1921

Vets rep here soon

A state of Wyoming veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will conduct community outreach services in Wyoming cities throughout February.

Brian Yeager is available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims, or VA healthcare. Yeager can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare.

His office is staffed in Gillette, at 551 Running W. Drive, Suite 100, and he will also be available in Newcastle on Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, at the Department of Workforce Services, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

During periods of inclement weather, the veterans service officer may not be available, according to a release from the Wyoming National Guard.

Yeager, a former U.S. Marine, is available to meet with veterans and their families from Campbell, Crook and Weston counties in addition to the scheduled outreach. Please contact him at 307-687-5396 for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

January 28	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
Comm. Mem. Service	6:30 p.m.
January 29	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
Dance	7:00 p.m.

Manor

January 28	
Penny Ante	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2:00 p.m.
January 29	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
January 30	
Riddles	11:00 a.m.
Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.

We're pleased to recognize **Clay Andersen** for the demolition work performed on his newly acquired property along the Highway 16 bypass, and are excited about the potential the now attractive lot holds for our community.



We're proud of the work we continue to do to improve the appearance of our Newcastle plant through cleanup and new construction and applaud others in Newcastle who demonstrate a desire to make it one of the most appealing communities in the Black Hills.



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by Curley as to whether his agency would be open to such an agreement, which Olenyik said it likely would, though he will first have to take the proposal to agency head Paul Demple.

"Right now it's kind of nebulous," said Olenyik of where authority for involuntary holds currently lies in Weston County. "Right now it's kind of free-floating, because there's a whole list of persons who can do a title. Most often that involves medical doctors and so forth."

"If I understand what William's asking," Olenyik continued, "this is where we often have some contention or confusion with the hospital's folks as to who is in charge of this process and who is making determinations about should the clock start ticking. Because once the clock starts ticking on a title, as you all know, you're the ones responsible for the expense of this."

Olenyik said he believes a clearer arrangement would be to the benefit of patients, though Northern would probably seek some compensation for taking on the duty.

County Commissioner Marty Ertman noted that the county already provides some funding to Northern from one-percent sales tax revenues, which could serve as a basis for discussion of compensation.

Commissioner Tony Barton wondered as to whether or not it might be prudent to wait for the recommendations put forward by a task force on Title 25 reform convened by Governor Matt Mead, though Curley countered

that it might also be imprudent to wait.

Olenyik said he didn't have an immediate answer to Barton's question but thought that arranging a meeting between the commissioners and Paul Demple in the near future, with other community stakeholders on hand as well, might be beneficial. Olenyik said Demple knows more about the task force and the direction it's leaning than he does.

Curley explained that his recommendation to the commissioners is based in part on his conversations with Joe Baron, attorney for Crook County, whom Curley said maintains that a similar arrangement has been very beneficial for Weston's northern neighbor.

"He said it saves [Crook] County a lot of money... It allows, in appropriate cases, a better look at what the mental situation is, rather than the intoxication situation," Curley related.

Asked by Commissioner Barton whether Baron thinks the arrangement has also been better for patients, Curley said Crook County's approach seems to have been positive in that regard as well.

"I've never met anyone who doesn't think that patients' medical need come first... Joe reports no bad actors on that. No one yet has appeared trying to save money at the expense of the health of someone," he indicated.

Curley further stated he has spoken with local legislators in regard to the provision in the law

allowing the county to designate an entity for Title 25, and some of those whom he spoke with had not been previously aware of it. Curley said he worries this might mean the law could be amended at some point without much discussion.

Later during the course of the meeting, Curley reported that a new Title 25 case had just landed on his desk. He related to the commissioners that the same medical doctor who did the initial detention had done the follow-up examination as well, and that the patient had been ambulanced to a Campbell County facility at a cost to Weston County of \$4,000 per day.

Further problematic, Curley said, was that though the Title 25 forms in relation to that case are filled out in satisfaction of all legal requirements, it's not immediately clear whether the county should be financially responsible for the person's involuntary hospitalization.

"I cannot tell from what is there whether the person is a danger to him or herself because of mental illness," Curley told the commissioners. "... The county is only responsible if it's mental illness."

Commissioner Ertman asked why, given the county has a contract with a Casper-based facility, the patient was sent to Campbell County. Curley responded that the problem arises from what he described as two conflicting aspects of the Title 25 law dealing with financial concerns and how and who provides treatment, which are not easily reconcilable.

Commission Clips

Discussion items at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners included the following:

- At Commissioner Marty Ertman's request, the commissioners voted to amend the minutes for their Jan. 5 meeting to reflect the 3-1 vote tally for the county's selection of its official newspaper. Chairman Bill Lambert said he'd like to see consistency in how votes are recorded in the minutes going forward.
- Commissioner Ertman said she had received several phone calls in regard to a lawsuit brought by Commissioner Tracy Hunt that challenges the eligibility of presidential candidate Ted Cruz to run for that office. Ertman said she wants to make clear that Hunt is undertaking the legal action on his own and not as a representative of the county. Commissioner Hunt was not in attendance at the Jan. 19 commission meeting.
- A budget amendment hearing is scheduled for Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. to address unanticipated grants from the Federal Aviation Administration and federal Department of Homeland Security of \$32,739 and \$37,369 respectively.
- Jim Darlington appeared before the commissioners to relay information on a meeting he had attended in Douglas in regard to a report on the Thunder Basin National Grassland. The report was authored by the UW's Ruckelshaus Institute on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service. Further workshop meetings on the report are scheduled to be held March 16 in Newcastle and May 18 in Gillette.
- The commissioners voted to recognize the following days off for county employees in 2016-17: Feb. 15, Mar. 25 (close at noon), May 30, July 4, Sept. 5, Oct. 10, Nov. 11, Nov. 24-25, Dec. 26, and Jan. 2. Commissioner Tony Barton voted against the motion as a matter of principle, he said.
- The commissioners voted to change the county's mileage reimbursement rate from 57.5 cents per mile to 54 cents, effective immediately. The change was made in order to bring the county's rate in line with the standard Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rates announced for 2016.
- The commissioners discussed the county's

future support and involvement with the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative. The commissioners' concerns focused on how much financial support may be required and to what degree the initiative's work directly benefits the county. No action was taken.

- Commissioner Randy Rossman brought up some residual marks from graffiti on the outside of the Weston County Library and what might be done about them. No action was taken.
- County Coroner Cindy Crabtree appeared with a request for \$20,000 for a case involving a need for a coroner's inquest. She said the proceedings surrounding the inquest will involve a court reporter, jurors, witnesses, and legal counsel. No action was taken.
- County Administrator Dan Blakeman reported on a meeting he had attended with representatives of Paul Reed Construction, Vertex, and steel-building manufacturer Red Iron in regard to the Event Center. Blakeman said most of the repairs to the building have been completed satisfactorily, though the floor remains to be ground and re-stained and a ridge removed from the building's roof. Blakeman said Reed seems to be actively lobbying for the floor grinding to be done, though it was not within the initially agreed upon scope of work.
- Attorney Curley presented the commissioners with a proposal to run the county's two north-eastern most townships through a county road identification procedure that would result in there being no county roads considered established in those areas. A portion of North Raven Road runs through one of the townships in question. Extensive conversation on the matter yielded no consensus and no action was taken. Chairman Lambert stated that he does believe that established county roads need to be identified and that Curley's recommendation might be a good place to start that process. Lambert said he believes the county needs to open a dialogue with any potentially effected landowners before making any decisions. The matter was set aside for future discussion.



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[city] council, and I don't see any upside to us doing it," he told the district board.

Hartley foresaw that in order for the city to run a facility sponsored by the solid waste district, it would involve the difficulty of getting long-term agreements approved by multiple entities. The problem of forcing future city councils into some kind of commitment, which is prohibited by statute, was another obstacle brought up by Hartley.

Hartley wondered as to why the district doesn't simply seek to run the landfill themselves, with the city as just one of the district's customers. Board Chair Ed Wagoner and Board Member Ron Brunner answered that one of the reasons is the city already possesses institutional knowledge and equipment.

"Our thought process on this was, you guys know garbage. We don't," explained Wagoner.

Hartley downplayed the city's expertise on the matter, however, mentioning also that both he and James will likely be retiring at some point in the foreseeable future.

"The point I'm saying ... is, if it's a countywide landfill, it would seem to me to make sense for the county board to operate the countywide landfill," Hartley stated. "Then you guys can set the rates. You guys can operate it. I think the city has made the offer to help with equipment and all that."

"We're a consumer like everybody else. We pay the tipping fee," Hartley said of the city's role in such a relationship would work.

Questions of economy of scale in regard to the proposed new facility were also touched on in discussion.

Vice Chair Ted Ertman suggested that though the Central Weston County Solid Waste District (Osage) is an autonomous entity falling outside the Weston County Solid Waste District, Osage may be interested in sending their garbage to a future district-supported landfill, which would help improve volumes.

Ertman further opined that when it comes to the passage of a potential three mills, the Town of Upton, which is currently looking at cease and transfer in relation to its own landfill, would unquestionably need to be on board. Ertman said a portion of those potential mill-levy tax revenues would likely also need to be set aside in order to help pay for Upton's closure fees.

Board Member Ron Brunner noted that, based on his experience, many in the county outside the municipalities will need to be convinced of the need to pass such a mill levy.

"The ones you talk to in the county, they're not excited about it," he said. "The ranchers, they all have their own little pits."

Ertman and Hartley, however, said they expect that the DEQ will begin coming down hard on such private landfills as soon as they've finished dealing with municipalities.

Brunner mentioned also that he has been in contact with representatives of Crook County, who have not yet formed a landfill district, but instead have created an advisory board.

Wagoner, however, stated that there is no time to wait to see what Crook County decides on the topic of trash disposal. Likewise, Hartley said that while Crook County might be brought in down the road in order to increase volumes, an attempt to bring them onboard from the start of the process could derail it entirely.

Hartley further said that any agreement between the city and the district would need to be mapped out from the start, with the percentages from mill-levy revenues to be given to Upton and Newcastle for closure fees clearly specified.

He said it will need to be explored as to whether such an agreement would even be bondable, given that it would involve the unusual situation in which the district uses its ability to levy mills in order to borrow to fund someone else's (the city's) facility.

Brunner said he envisions a scenario in which the mill levy is used to create a "state-of-the-art landfill," while tipping fees pay for the facility's day-to-day operation. The mill levy would be phased out, he explained, as infrastructure is completed and debts are paid off. Brunner said he wants to emphasize to voters that the district would be subsidizing, not just a city facility, but something for all residents of the district.

Hartley, who estimated such a new landfill would cost in the neighborhood of \$2 million, also recognized it will be tricky convincing voters of the need for the mill levy.

"I don't think there's any question it's going to take sales to get it sold to the public," he stated. "They're going to have to understand what they're getting out of this whole process and what's going to happen if they don't do it."

In promoting the mill levy to voters, Ertman said he believes it will be helpful to have in place a plan all entities are working toward that can be shown to the public.

Three mills, Hartley guesstimated, would be around \$30 in annual taxes on a \$100,000 home. Local industry, he stated, would pay the bulk of what would be raised by the mill levy.

Hartley emphasized that if a vote on a mill levy is going to take place, it needs to happen soon. Brunner opined that a special vote ought to be held by the primary election in August. Hartley said he doesn't feel the issue of when revenues would start becoming available is nearly as important as whether or not a levy passes in the first place.

"If it doesn't pass, then all bets are off and we're back to square one," he stated soberly.

A follow-up meeting between the district and city officials was tentatively set for Feb. 17.

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doing this work is often an impediment to property owners who would like to cooperate, and said the city works with people to decrease the cost of disposal for individuals who tear down dilapidated buildings or clean up visible waste. He noted that the city will also issue a demolition permit at no cost to help motivate owners to make improvements in the appearance of some of the community's most unattractive properties.

Hartley asserted that there is not an easy answer to the problem, and he and Peck both reported that the costs associated with abating buildings rarely makes taking such a step worthwhile. Although the city could have the ability to do so, the belief is that, in the end, the costs outweigh the gains.

"In the current code, you need to have a fund (set aside) because you are not going to get that money back. Say it costs \$50,000 to abate, and you end up with a \$20,000 lot," explained Peck, who suggested that such a fund would make the city prepared to address such properties if an owner digs their feet in and refuses to do something the structure.

According to Hartley, a lot of the buildings are not creating an imminent threat, but are merely nuisances in terms of aesthetics, which leaves the city in a state of limbo. Peck echoed his statement, indicating that the code that Newcastle has adopted, which is nearly 20 years old, focuses primarily on threats to public safety, and not on the appearance of the building.

"I did want to add that a lot of communities use the same code as we do," declared Peck, who told the council there is a more recent code, written by the same group, that allows for more action to be taken against buildings that detract from the overall appearance of a neighborhood.

"The International Residential Property Maintenance Code, which is a newer code, deals with a lot of things that are more aesthetic," admitted Peck.

He explained that many of these towns

and cities who have adopted this code, however, have gone through it and stricken several of the requirements. According to Peck, that largely leaves them with the same basic code that Newcastle has already adopted.

Peck reported to the council that when the council adopted a number of new codes a year ago, one of the things they did not change was the current code addressing dangerous buildings, noting that many Wyoming communities have not updated their building code either. He mentioned that Gillette still operates under the old code, and that one of the main reasons for doing so comes down to money.

"If you go to the newer code and you enforce them, you better be prepared to spend a bunch of money," Peck predicted.

Council members did not take the opportunity to weigh in on the topic so little discussion took place regarding the issue and the best direction for the City of Newcastle, although Mayor James did point out that undertaking abatement of a property does not necessarily mean a structure will be condemned and torn down.

"Abatement does not mean condemn and tear it down. It means to eliminate the hazard, like boarding up the windows and doors or putting a fence around it," he observed.

City Beats

Items of interest from the January 19 Newcastle City Council meeting

-The City Of Newcastle auctioned off a number of surplus vehicles and equipment and during this process one vehicle was left sitting, but Newcastle City Engineer Bob Hartley reported Monday that an offer had been made to purchase the Chevy S10 that did not receive any bids during the auctioning process. Gary Newman offered the city \$50 for the vehicle and the council unanimously accepted that offer.

- Another vehicle was declared as surplus during the Monday meeting but the council decided this one will not be auctioned off at the request of Chief of Police Jim Owens, who asked permission from the council to donate the surplus police car to the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy due to the costs associated with getting the vehicles ready to sell. Owens reported that it costs the city \$2,000 to take the electronics out of the vehicles prior to selling them, and they generally receive roughly \$500 for the vehicle in a sale, leaving the city in a deficit. He suggested that the vehicle would be greatly appreciated by

the Wyoming Police Academy to help in training future officers. The motion to approve the donation of the vehicle was unanimously approved

- City Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner regrettably informed the Newcastle City Council that they were not recipients of the WAM energy loan that she had previously applied for. The loan would have covered the costs undertaken by the city when furnaces had to be replaced. Despite the loss of the loan, Brunner announced that they still qualified to apply for a grant of the same nature and that she was going to begin the grant writing process. The City of Newcastle could qualify for up to \$20,000, according to Brunner, and the return on the investment of that money would be approximately 3.5 years.

- The council appointed Doug Dumbrell as the Municipal Court Judge for the 2016 year. Dumbrell served the city in that capacity last year.

- The council voted unanimously to have the News Letter Journal continue to be the official paper for the City of Newcastle.

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01/29	VJ	Wheatland Bulldogs	H 4 PM
01/30	V9	Torrington Trailblazers	A 2:30 PM
02/02	VJ	Custer Wildcats	A 5:30 PM
Boys Basketball			
01/29	VJ	Wheatland Bulldogs	H 4 PM
01/30	V9	Torrington Trailblazers	A 2:30 PM
02/04	V9	Custer Wildcats	A 4:30 PM
Wrestling			
01/28	VJ	Wright Dual	A 6 PM
01/29-30	VJ	Buffalo Invitational	A 12 PM
Boys Swimming			
01/29/16	V9	Gillette Triangular	A TBA
MS Boys Basketball			
01/30		8th Grade Shootout	H 9 AM
01/30		7th 3A @ Buffalo	A 9 AM
02/02		*Upton Bobcats	A 4 PM
02/02		*B Team vs Hulett	H 4 PM
02/04		*B Team @ Edgemont	A 4 PM
02/05		Custer Wildcats	H 4 PM

Scores

MS Boys Basketball			
7th Grade A Team			
01/19	Hulett	7th A	W 31-6
		8th A	W 48-35
01/21	Lusk	7th A	W 22-19
		8th A	W 36-24
Fall Guys Wrestling			
01/16/16 - Whitewood Tournament			
	Scottie Larson		2nd
	Ryker Hespe		4th
	Dylan Foster		3rd
	Landon Butler		2nd
	Ridley Butler		3rd
	Lukas Benschhoof		3rd
	Lucas Sandness		4th
	Adryan Wolfe		3rd
	Jonathan Bainer		4th
	Kylden Montagne		4th
01/17/16 - Westside Raider Tournament			
	Lucas Sandness		4th
01/23/16 - Lead/Deadwood Tournament			
	Scott Larson		1st
	TJ Harrington		3rd
	Lucas Sandness		4th
	Anthony Wineteer		2nd
	Ridley Butler		2nd
	Landon Butler		3rd
	Dylan Foster		2nd
	Ryker Hespe		4th
	Caleb Kuhn		3rd
	Kaden Miller		4th
	Ian Simmons		2nd

Bested by the BEASTS of the Bighorns

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle Dogies knew that last weekend was going to be challenging— to put it lightly.

Running into the juggernaut of the top-ranked Buffalo Bison and the number five Worland Warriors on back-to-back days was even tougher than the team had anticipated however.

“These are two very good basketball teams,” head coach Allen Von Eye declared. “Though Worland was sitting in the number five spot in the rankings, we knew they were much better than this implied.”

It appeared as though the daunting task in front of them may have taken a little starch out of the underdog Dogies when the weekend began.

“Against Buffalo, we knew it was going to be tough going in, but we didn’t help ourselves out. We came out incredibly soft and incredibly flat in the first four minutes. We got four shots off in that time frame and had five turnovers, and that was just being careless with the basketball and hesitant to attack,” Von Eye sighed.

Adding to the already challenging contest against the Bison, the Dogies were down one starter for the game in Triston Roberson, and the ability of starter Cam Quigley to play was also questionable as he had suffered an injury to his ankle earlier in the week.

Quigley was able to start the contest, but suffered an allergic reaction during



Cooper Karp rises up against the block for a shot attempt in the Dogies loss in Buffalo on Friday. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

the first half, which took him out of the second.

The Bison jumped on the Dogies from the onset, outscoring them 21-8 in the first and then 24-14 in the second quarter, and though the Dogies worked to battle back, the hole they had dug for themselves was just too deep to climb out of against a team of Buffalo’s caliber.

“We got some good shots in the first half, but just couldn’t get them to fall,” Von Eye began. “Part of the reason was that we started pressing. You could tell we started to think that this shot has to go in and when you start thinking that way, they won’t go in. Though we were taking shots that most of the time we will knock down, because we were pressing we were just

off the mark.”
Not only was scoring an issue for the squad, but the Bison also dominated Newcastle on the boards, pulling down 38 rebounds to the Dogies’ 14 on the night.
“They were the most physical team. They were stronger than us and it

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Absence makes the team work harder

When you are part of a team, your contribution is vital, regardless of how small or insignificant it may seem on the surface. Whether you are part of a sports program, a member of a cooperative learning group, or if you work in any environment with others who rely on your contribution, when you are not present it has ramifications for the whole group.

A few of the Dogie sports’ teams have been struggling with this problem recently, and given the already small size of these squads – especially by 3A standards – this has had very visible consequences.

The Dogie/Bobcat grapplers were missing one athlete for the first couple of weeks of the season due to injury, and the open weight class that resulted caused the team to lose six points automatically due to forfeit. In a match that is close, those six points can and did mean the difference between winning and losing.

This past weekend the crew was missing several wrestlers when they headed to the Chadron Invitational. This was a huge event with 30 schools in attendance, and though the squad ended up with a pretty decent finish, had

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Number one quiets the Dome

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

With the eyes of fans starting to turn towards the tournaments of March, it is hard to imagine a weekend in January could be any bigger than the one Newcastle girls’ basketball faced on Friday and Saturday. The team experienced the thrill of victory on one night and the agony of a technical foul-marred defeat the next, however, and coaches and athletes alike know that nothing was really settled and bigger weekends are waiting in the days to come.

The Lady Dogies opened up Northeast Quadrant play against the Lady Bison of Buffalo on Friday and then hosted the top-ranked and undefeated Worland Lady Warriors on Saturday. With all four of the Northeast Quad teams coming into the weekend with eight wins apiece, and counted among the top five teams in the state rankings, the outcome of all four contests would begin to give each an inkling of where they stood.

Number three ranked Newcastle got things moving in the right direction when they kicked off the weekend with a 61-55 win against the fifth-ranked Lady Bison. Going into the contest, though the Lady Dogies enjoyed a higher ranking, coaches and players were aware that their opponent would give them a run for their money.

“It was a better win than some people may realize,” began head coach Tyler Bartlett. “Yes we are building the expectation for 20 point wins, but to get a win in Buffalo is always awesome. They are a tough team and clearly so because they are ranked. They beat the number four ranked Douglas Lady Cats the next night, and they gave us everything we could handle.”

According to Bartlett, his squad didn’t start as well as he would have liked, and Buffalo

played tough in the first half.

“I give credit to them. They came out strong, they came out hot, they took advantage of opportunities, they made plays and played really well. We didn’t play as well, but we started to balance the game out with a little second quarter run, and then it was a battle the whole rest of the way,” he smiled.

At the half the Bison led the Dogies by two, 23-25, and a back and forth third quarter made for an exciting fourth, when the Lady Dogies did what they have been doing so far this season and turned on the afterburners.

The score was tied at 36 to end the third and then the squads battled back and forth, exchanging the lead until late in the fourth quarter when the Dogies took the advantage by knocking down some clutch shots. They also hit free throws down the stretch to extend the lead to eight with only seconds remaining in the contest.

“This game never felt in doubt to me. Even when it was tied and we were going back and forth, I never got the feeling that we might lose this. I was always confident that we would do what we needed to win,” Bartlett nodded.

Abby Gray had an outstanding game, leading her team in scoring with 21 points, and she added three rebounds, three assists and two steals to her stat line. Hannah Cass followed closely with 20 points and played what Bartlett described as one of her best games of the season so far. She didn’t just contribute a third of her team’s points, but also put up an impressive overall stat line with seven rebounds, four assists, five steals and five blocks. Alyssa Dawson added 15 points, seven rebounds, one assist and two steals, while Kendra Back added four rebounds and four steals to help out her

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Stacking up wins Corley leads the way in Chadron

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The combined Newcastle/Upton wrestling team hosted Glenrock last Tuesday in the Dogie Dome and rolled past the Herders in pretty impressive fashion by the final tally of 46-29.

“It’s always good to beat a tough conference foe, and we definitely took care of business,” head coach Lee McCoy smiled. “Our team is gaining some confidence and starting to believe that we can do some

special things this season.” Assistant coach Matt Clark reiterated McCoy’s evaluation of the win, and added that both coaches were really hoping to come out and wrestle tough and pick up the victory.

The squad did just as Lee and Clark had hoped and wrestled strong against their 3A opponent to take the dual with ease, but Clark admitted that Glenrock had more open weights than usual, which did help the home team out on the

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Wyatt Corley shoots for a take down and made quick work of his Herder opponent, pinning him with his signature stack move in the first period. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

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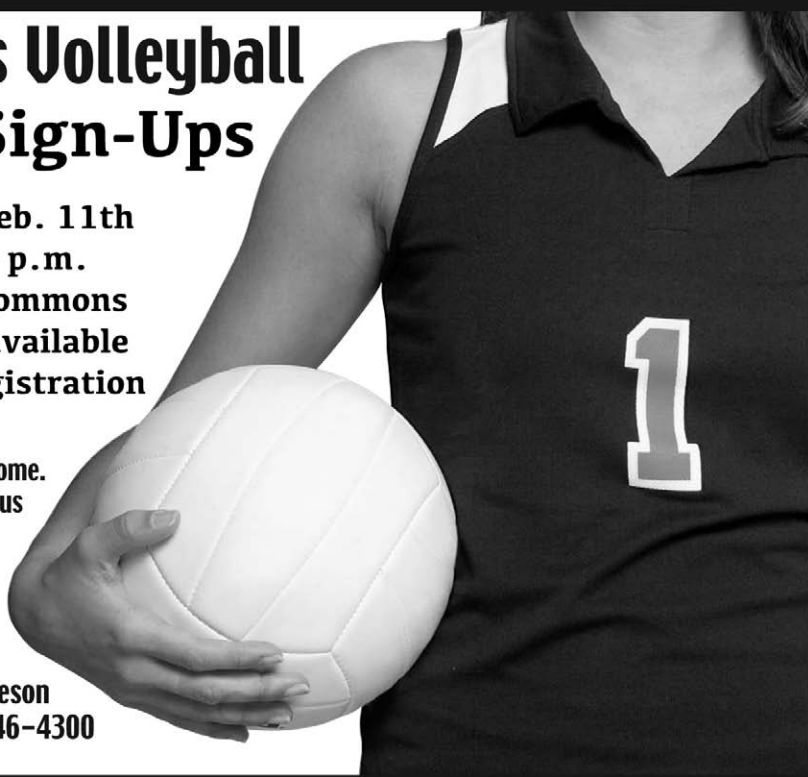
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Swimmers see 3A's top teams

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Once again this season, the Newcastle Dogie swimmers found themselves down a meet despite the preparations they had made. Given the uncertainty that there would be a team at all this year, the Dogies have been throwing together their schedule at the last minute.

That situation has resulted in some changes from time to time. When head coach Doug Scribner sent in his lineup for a scheduled meet in Buffalo last Friday, he was informed that it had been cancelled, which meant that the squad was headed to Worland only for an invitational on Saturday.

"Unfortunately, losing the meet on Friday threw a wrench into my strategy of entering my swimmers into the variety of events that I had planned for over the course of two meets," Scribner sighed. "We were looking forward to entering into some races on Friday that we were not able to, so we will look to do that in Gillette this coming Friday."

The squad was down in numbers as they readied for their Saturday meet due to sickness and injuries as well, and though they finished eighth out of nine teams, Scribner was pleased with how the rest of his crew swam overall. He noted that everyone that competed put up personal bests in their events.

Worland was an enormous meet with most, if not all, of the 3A teams in attendance. The Dogies also were given the opportunity to get a look at Rawlins, whom Scribner had anticipated not being able to

see until the Conference Meet at their house.

"Rawlins is pretty tough, with some very good swimmers. They are perhaps the strongest in our conference, so I'm glad we got to see them before we go there for Conference," Scribner stated.

Though the squad didn't have any new qualifiers, several swimmers saw significant improvements in their performances. Kyle Allard dropped 16 seconds in the 100 Free, Garrett Merchen improved his time in the 100 Breaststroke by almost six seconds, Jacob Hobbs cut nearly 19 seconds from his 200 Free and seven seconds from his 100 Backstroke, and Kaden Curren — in only his second meet of the season — had huge time drops in the 100 Backstroke and 50 Free improving by 27 and 11 seconds respectively.

"Jesse Kopp is very close to qualifying in diving. He put some new dives in this week, so hopefully after he has learned and competed with those he will be able to execute them better in the coming meets and earn his spot at State," Scribner predicted. "Hobbs had a great swim in the backstroke and is only five or six seconds away from qualifying, so we will work on that and see if we can get him qualified in that as well."

The two swimmers who have already punched their tickets to the culminating contest also continue to improve their performances and as freshmen, Eythan Riley and Jacob Yeatman worked their way into the top end of the rankings in a couple of their events.

"Eythan is the highest

ranked at third in the 500 Free and he is currently sitting 14th in the 200 Free while Jacob is knocking on the door of the top 12 in the 50 Free and the 100 Breaststroke," Scribner noted. "I talked to Eythan about this. He and Jacob are the only freshmen in the top ten in their events which is a great thing as we move forward."

This week, the Dogies will travel to Gillette on Friday to compete in a triangular against the Camels and the Douglas Bearcats, where the squad will have another opportunity to swim some new events and improve their time as their season begins to wind down.

Swimming

Newcastle @ Worland Invite 1/23/16			
1. Lander	299	6. Kemmerer	116
2. Powell	230	7. Buffalo	114
3. Rawlins	184	8. Newcastle	66
4. Worland	149	9. Cody	52
5. Douglas	141		
200 Medley Relay			
12 Dalton Phillips, Jacob Yeatman, Eythan Riley, Jesse Kopp			2:16.28
200 Free			
13 Jacob Hobbs			2:39.43
19 Garrett Merchen			3:03.49
20 Kyle Allard			3:06.86
50 Free			
6 Jacob Yeatman			25.40
29 Jesse Kopp			29.83
41 Dalton Phillips			35.10
43 Kaden Curren			41.88
1 Meter Diving			
15 Jesse Kopp			132.55
100 Butterfly			
9 Eythan Riley			1:08.63
100 Free			
21 Kyle Allard			1:11.75
500 Free			
6 Jacob Yeatman			6:10.29
200 Free Relay			
11 Garrett Merchen, Jacob Yeatman, Jesse Kopp, Kyle Allard			2:00.92
100 Backstroke			
8 Eythan Riley			1:08.46
16 Jacob Hobbs			1:21.09
20 Dalton Phillips			1:27.98
25 Kaden Curren			1:55.35
100 Breaststroke			
22 Garrett Merchen			1:38.58
400 Free Relay			
11 Eythan Riley, Jacob Hobbs, Dalton Phillips, Kyle Allard			4:39.48

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team. The contributions of the Big Three certainly grab the attention of anyone who is watching, but Bartlett was quick to note that it takes a whole team effort to pull out wins against quality opponents. He had particularly high praise for Back's contributions.

"Little things that don't make the stat box, but that mean a great deal in the game, are things like the way Kendra takes the ball out of bounds in late game situations. In those pressure situations, she just handles it so well. She doesn't panic and waits for the open look. They may not be eye-popping stats, but they are winning plays," he noted. "A lot of our kids make winning plays even though they may not show up on the stats, they make a world of difference to the game."

Following the hard fought win on the road, the Lady Dogies hosted Worland on Saturday, and all involved knew that this would be a real test as the Lady Warriors were expected to be the toughest team they had seen thus far this season.

The game got off to a fast start, with both squads giving about as good as they were getting, and the score was tied at 11-11 early in the second quarter when Bartlett received a technical on a very strange turn of events. The coach is the first to admit that he can get a little too excited and has earned his fair share of technicals over the years, but this one was just out of the ordinary.

The call resulted from Bartlett exclaiming, "that was a travel," but he did so very near to one of the officials, who claimed he felt threatened. Bartlett took full responsibility for the outcome of the situation, but also noted that he believed that was really the turning point

of the contest.

"I think it startled my girls, it startled the crowd, and it took us a little bit to get ourselves back together," he mused. "Not only that, but the girls are used to me being up and moving along the sidelines and that call put me on the bench for the remainder of the game."

"I let emotions get the best of me and he T'd me up. After that they went on a 15-4 run for the rest of the quarter. It clearly took our kids out of our usual rhythm. The next four or five trips we turned it over, and what was a tie game turned into us going into the locker room down 11, and I think that was my fault. I put us in a bad situation, and it threw off the momentum of the game," Bartlett sighed.

It was not only the technical that presented adversity to the Lady Dogies, however. The Lady Warriors bring a great deal of size and athleticism to the floor and are talented both offensively and defensively. Their size made it difficult for Newcastle to rebound and they had their shots contested in the paint more than they are used to as well.

As the clock ticked down to end the game, the Lady Dogies found themselves in a 20-point deficit and lost only their second game of the season 31-51.

"The lesson learned is that we have to do better on offense," Bartlett began. "We have to take better care of the ball and get more shots to fall. The message we take from it is that they are the number one team in the state, but the difference between them and us is not 20 points. I don't think there's a kid in our locker room who believes it either. We just need to find ways to score against their big kids. We didn't

make a single three, so there were just a number of things that came into play. We learned a great deal from that game, so we will take those lessons into the next time we see them."

Cass led the team in scoring with 10 points, followed by Dawson, Gray and Rachel Henkle with five apiece. Kaprina Jones chipped in with four and Back with two.

This weekend, the ladies will go up against Wheatland and Torrington for the second time this season. The outcome of the first contests were victories for Newcastle, but Bartlett and his crew are not expecting easy wins.

"This is a tough conference and these teams will be hungry to get even with us. We need to come out and be ready to play and we need to prepare for zone. Both teams are playing better already, so we won't be taking anything for granted," Bartlett smiled.

The Friday night matchup in the Dome against the Lady Bulldogs tips off at 5:30 p.m., and Newcastle will travel to Torrington to take on the Lady Blazers on Saturday.

Lady Basketball

Newcastle @ Buffalo 1-22-16: 61-55	
Alyssa Dawson: 15 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals	
Abby Gray: 21 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals	
Hannah Cass: 20 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals, 5 blocks	
Abi Deveraux: 3 points, 1 rebound	
Kendra Back: 4 rebounds, 4 steals	
Rachel Henkle: 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block	
Kaprina Jones: 2 rebounds	
Alyssa Umphlett: 2 points, 1 assist	
Newcastle v Worland 1-23-16: 31-51	
Alyssa Dawson: 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal	
Abby Gray: 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block	
Hannah Cass: 10 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals	
Abi Deveraux: 1 assist, 1 steal	
Kendra Back: 2 points, 6 rebounds	
Rachel Henkle: 5 points, 6 rebounds	
Kaprina Jones: 4 points, 4 rebounds	
Rachel Ehlers: 1 steal	
Sarah Henkle: 1 rebound	

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showed, especially in rebounding on the offensive glass. They would just move us out of the way and go get it. Against a team that doesn't always shoot particularly well, that is a killer when you give up second and third opportunities, because odds are they are going to score eventually," Von Eye nodded.

In the 41-76 loss, Taylor Allen led his team with 16 points, followed closely by Cade Ostenson with 15. Quigley added four points in his limited minutes on the floor and Vincent Oedekeoven, Kaulen Sundstrom and Lyle Whitney rounded out the scoring with two points each.

The Dogies had little time to lick their wounds from the loss before they had to face another quality squad when Worland came to town on Saturday.

"We were anxious to see how we would bounce back against Worland, and I was very impressed with how we responded against them in the first half," Von Eye declared. "We faced some adversity, especially the way they came out shooting and knocking down some quick buckets, but I thought we responded really well. We battled and threw some punches. They would go on a run, but I thought we responded pretty well with runs of our own."

At one point in the second quarter, the Dogies went on a run to cut the Warriors lead to six, but just were not able to main-

tain the momentum and allowed Worland a run of their own.

The Dogies went into the locker room at the half down 27-41, so were still in the game, but an 11-0 run within the first minute or two of the third quarter really put the contest out of reach for the squad, who picked up their second consecutive loss 46-78.

"It becomes hard when you're down 20 or 30 in the second half to keep rhythm in our offense, but I was happy with our first half," Von Eye admitted. "We knew they'd be solid and we knew they were not the fifth best team in the state. I personally would put them ahead of Buffalo as far as potential goes," he determined.

Only four Dogies got on the scoreboard, with Allen leading all with 23 points, followed by Quigley with nine, Cooper Karp with eight and Ostenson with six.

After a quick turnaround, the Dogies will be facing Wheatland and Torrington for rematches this Friday and Saturday, and Von Eye is prepared for these teams to be looking to even the score after losing to Newcastle a couple of weeks ago.

"Wheatland is going to come up here on Friday with a chip on their shoulder, so we have to be ready. This is one that we have to make sure we play our basketball. It's a winnable game but they are not going to roll over and die," Von Eye

began. "Then we go down to Torrington on Saturday, who has something to prove as well. We are a team they think they can beat, so we have to be ready to play."

The coach also noted the importance for his team to come out strong after this past weekend.

"This conference is tough. We know that we will come up against some tough teams who will give us their best shot every time, so it's about how you respond," he observed.

The Dogies will tip off in the Dome at 7:00 p.m. on Friday following the Lady Dogies' contest, and theme night is back with an 80s theme for the night.

Basketball

Newcastle @ Buffalo 1-22-16: 41-76

Taylor Allen: 16 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
Cam Quigley: 4 points
Cooper Karp: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Cade Ostenson: 15 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal
Vincent Oedekeoven: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block
Kaulen Sundstrom: 2 points, 1 rebound
Alec Martinez: 1 assist
Lyle Whitney: 2 points, 1 rebound

Newcastle v. Worland 1-23-16: 46-78

Taylor Allen: 23 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals
Cam Quigley: 9 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
Cooper Karp: 8 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal
Cade Ostenson: 6 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Vincent Oedekeoven: 1 rebound, 1 assist
Dawson Norton: 3 rebounds, 2 steals
Lyle Whitney: 1 rebound
Bryson Tidyman: 2 rebounds

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those members been present the final score may have been even more impressive.

One might argue that wrestling is an individual sport, but these examples illustrate that the team as a whole suffers when an individual does not compete regardless of the nature of the contest.

The Dogie swimmers also experienced the drawbacks of absenteeism when three members missed back-to-back invitational meets recently. Because of their absence, their coach had to scratch two relay entries due to lack of numbers. In addition, there were fewer Dogies in the pool for individual races and no one was entered into the diving events. Having to lose entrants into those events meant the team automatically lost points. The overall consequence was that they ended up finishing behind 3A opponents they have previously bested.

Once again, the squad was missing swimmers this past weekend which put them at a disadvantage when it came down to the overall score, so the Dogies certainly felt their absence.

Dogie Basketball has also been hit with the adversity of having team members who did not take the floor. Last week, the varsity squad was down one starter, and this past weekend they were down one and a half going up against a couple of the toughest teams in the Northeast Quadrant.

The consequence of being without one starter for all - and one for half - of the contest meant the rest of the squad had to attempt to pick up what each usually provides for the team. Each member knows and plays their role so when one or more are not with them, the others have to find a way to make up for what the absent players normally contribute. For the Dogies, this meant

they had to find a way to add 12 points, 8 rebounds, five assists and five steals to what they already produce on a regular basis.

Since basketball is a true team sport, unlike wrestling and swimming, the absence of players from a lineup has effects that reach even further than those more individual programs. Yes, there are stats that need to be made up, but in addition there is also the issue of team chemistry that gets skewed. When a new player is thrown into the mix, it takes a minute for the other members of the squad to adjust. People who play together often learn how their teammates play. They know what subtle body language or looks or other types of communication mean and know what to expect. The more a group of athletes play together, the more smooth and automatic the workings of the team become, so it takes a little adjustment when different guys are on the floor.

There are also ripple effects for the younger teams. When the varsity squad loses players, they pull from the junior varsity, who in turn pulls from the freshman squad. This becomes problematic because each player is only allowed six quarters per contest, so when teammates go missing, the quarter distribution must change as well. If a squad is small already, the result could make it a struggle to even play a full game.

Of course, when injury or illness strikes a player there is not much that can be done to avoid it, but when the situation is within the realm of personal control that is another issue.

Though the role you play may not appear to be all that significant, when you are a member of a team your absence is felt. The contributions you make count and when you are gone they are indeed missed, so those who remain must work harder to make up for the loss.

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scoreboard.

"Wyatt Corley opened up the match with a quick pin and looked great doing it," Clark stated. "His match really typified what the rest of the squad did, just wrestling hard and preparing ourselves for this tough part of the season. We've got a lot of things happening and are kind of expecting our team to be hitting our stride and going full force to get ready to do the things that we want to do at Regionals and State."

Zach Schuessler (145), Wyatt Corley (160) and Teigan Marchant (182) all won their matches with a pin while Dennon Parks (132) won his match by decision and Reid Holmes (106), Payton Connelly (126), Marshall Rhoades (152) and Bryce Womack (285) all won by forfeit.

On Friday and Saturday the Dogies/Bobcats competed in the Chadron Invitational Tournament, which is a new one for the squad. With 30 teams in attendance from Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, and Wyoming, the team got the opportunity to see some quality competition from schools of all sizes.

"We went into Chadron expecting it to be pretty tough," Clark noted. "There were a lot of teams there and once again we didn't know what to expect, but we came out the first day and won a lot of matches and did really well."

Newcastle/Upton finished pretty impressively in a tie for 12th place as a team, and Corley (152) placed fourth and Marchant (182) place sixth individually.

"Wyatt wrestled hard, got on top, and was able to stick him with his stack move that has been so successful for him so far this season," Clark explained. "It seems as though no one can defend that so it is always exciting for us to know that if he can get his guy in the right position, there is a good possibility that he will win the match."

Clark went on to note that Marchant also wrestled hard and that coaches are seeing some great things from him. He is making some progress, especially given the limited amount

of experience he's enjoyed in his high school career.

Though the Dogies/Bobcats only ended up with two of their team members placing, the others picked up wins throughout the course of the tournament, albeit from the loser's bracket.

"It really was a whole team effort to finish 12th out of 30 teams. The finish was better than our original expectations, and we were happy to have performed so well at such a challenging tournament. It's good for the team, showing us what we are capable of doing when we go out and wrestle tough as we get ready to head into the last part of our season," Clark stated.

This week, the squad will dual Wright on Thursday and then travel to Buffalo for a tournament on Friday and Saturday, where the team will have the opportunity to compete against 3A opponents from the conference

"The coaches are excited for the next five weeks, especially if we keep improving like we have the last two weeks! Our team is so young and it's helping that they've been competing against the very best kids around," McCoy exclaimed.

Wrestling

Newcastle/Upton v. Glenrock Dual 1/19/16

Newcastle 46 Lusk 29

106: Reid Holmes	W by Forfeit
113: Trayton Dawson	L by Decision 1-6
120: Dillon Jeppeson	L by Fall 4:48
126: Payton Connelly	W by Forfeit
132: Dennon Parks	W by Decision 16-6
138: Ricky Larson	L by Decision 6-16
145: Zach Schuessler	W by Fall
152: Marshall Rhoades	W by Forfeit
160: Wyatt Corley	W by Fall
170: James Moberly	L by Decision 0-11
182: Teigan Marchant	W by Fall
195: Teigan Marchant	W by Forfeit
220: Forfeit	
285: Bryce Womack	W by Forfeit

Newcastle/Upton @ Chadron Tournament 1/22-1/23/16

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106: Reid Holmes	DNP 2-2
106: Dylan Thompson	DNP 0-2
113: Jacob Chavez	DNP 1-2
113: Trayton Dawson	DNP 1-2
113: Dillon Jeppeson	DNP 1-2
120: Payton Connelly	DNP 1-0/Forfeit
132: Gavin Durfee	DNP 0-2
132: Dennon Parks	DNP 2-2
138: Ricky Larson	DNP 3-2
145: Zach Schuessler	DNP 0-2
152: Wyatt Corley	4th place 4-2
160: Jacob Flowers	DNP 0-2
160: James Moberly	DNP 2-2
182: Teigan Marchant	6th place 4-3

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- 7) Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- 8) Displaying extreme mood swings

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WESTON COUNTY Prevention Task Force

Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Greg James, Linda Hunt, Roger Hespe, Steve Ladwig, Kara Sweet, Don Steveson, and Todd Quigley. Absent: none. Also present Department Heads: City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Owens, Engineer Hartley and City Attorney Peck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James added Item #2 under Citizens Business in Writing, Plumbing Contractor Request and Item #2 under Citizens Business Verbal, Fire Chief Donny Munger regarding fire department officers for 2016. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Linda Hunt moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the Minutes for the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES 2016-2017

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of January, 2016 the following Retail Liquor Licensees, three Restaurant Licensees, one Club Licensee, and one Microbrewery Licensee filed applications for renewal of their Liquor Licenses. Protests, if there be any, against the issuance of these licenses, will be heard at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Liquor License #1: PERKINS TAVERN, LLC d/b/a Perkins Tavern; LOT 6, BLOCK 10, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE

Liquor License #2: T&A BREWING COMPANY LLC. d/b/a T&A BREWING COMPANY ; LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 11 ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCAST

Microbrewery #1: T&A BREWING COMPANY LLC. d/b/a T&A BREWING COMPANY ; LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 11 ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCASTLE

Liquor License #3: BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN, d/b/a The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop; A TRACT OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF QUARTER HORSE ADDITION, ZONED C-1

Liquor License #4: CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap N Bottle; LOTS 10 & 11, CANNON SUBDIVISION OF LOT 20, BLOCK T, COUNTY CLERK ADDITION, ZONED C-1

Liquor License #5: HEIDI CLEVELAND, d/b/a The Antler's; LOTS 7 & 8 BLOCK 6, ORIGINAL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE WESTON COUNTY WY

Liquor License #6: MINI MART INC., d/b/a Loaf 'N Jug #167; PORTION OF BLOCK 3 OF THE REPLAT OF HOMEBUILDERS ADDITION #1, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WY

Liquor License #7: FRESH START CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. d/b/a Fresh Start; LOTS 1-2 & PARTS OF LOTS 3-5, BLOCK 9, ORIGINAL TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Liquor License #8: MAVERIK, INC. d/b/a Maverik #458; WESTON COUNTY PARCEL # 4561292301800 / ZONED COMMERCIAL

Restaurant License #1: HIGH PLAINS PIZZA, INC. d/b/a Pizza Hut #211; TRACT OF LAND 139, 7' X 150' IN NW ¼ SW ¼ OF SEC 28, T45N, R61, WESTON COUNTY ZONED C-1

Restaurant License #2: ISABELLA'S LLC, d/b/a Isabella's; SOUTHERLY 60' OF LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 10, ORIGINAL TOWN, ZONED C-2

Restaurant License #3: CROSSROADS CANTINA, LLC d/b/a/CROSSROADS CANTINA LLC. THE SOUTH 200 FT. OF LOT 8, BLOCK T, COUNTY CLERK'S ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING AND A STRIP OF LAND 1' X100' ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF WREN AVENUE ADJACENT TO LOT 8.

Club License #1: NEWCASTLE COUNTY CLUB – d/b/a Newcastle Country Club; NE ½, SW ½ OF SEC 20, T45N, RANGE 61W OF 6TH P.M., ZONED AG

Dated This 11th Day of January 2016

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish January 28 and February 4, 2016)

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Black Hills National Forest is planning to burn large machine slash piles created from various timber and fuels projects in Weston County, WY. There are approximately 80 machine piles located approximately 2 miles north of Mallo Camp in the Austin Spring area that will be ignited. If conditions permit, crews can burn as many as 30 machine piles a day, which could take 3 days to a week to complete the burning. The piles will be ignited when winter sets in with snow cover that is predicted to last.

(Publish January 28, 2016)

Mayor James called for a motion to reappoint Judge R. Douglas Dumbrell as the City's Municipal Court Judge for the calendar year 2016. Todd Quigley moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the appointment as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** City Clerk/Treasurer will swear Judge Dumbrell in at the next Municipal Court date in City Hall. Mayor James requested that the News Letter Journal be approved as the official publication for the City notices for 2016. Linda Hunt moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the News Letter Journal as the official publication for the City of Newcastle public notices for 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a request from Tucker Electric to add Dennis LaRoche, Journeyman Electrician, to their 2016 Electrical License which has already been approved by Council. Linda Hunt moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Mayor James read a plumbing contractor request for Tessier's Inc. Plumbing Contractor, Limited Mechanical Journeyman, David Del Soldato, Jacob McClure; Limited Mechanical Apprentices, Austin Bower and Skyler Ford. All fees are paid and Copies of State license and proof of insurance have been provided. Steve Ladwig moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the plumbing license for Tessier's Inc. as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL – 1. John Olenyik, Director of Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center in Newcastle appeared before Council to give an informational report. 2. Fire Chief Donny Munger appeared to present the new list of fire department officers for 2016 for Council approval. Fire Chief – Don Munger; Assistant Chief – Austin Baker, Secretary – Merrit Pederson, and Treasurer – Mark Christianson. Linda Hunt moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the list. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. None. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** City Engineer Robert Hartley – 1. Gary Newman has made an offer on a Chevy S10 that was declared surplus and offered in the surplus auction but received no bids. Todd Quigley moved Roger Hespe seconded to sell the

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given by First State Bank of Newcastle, a Wyoming banking corporation, that default has occurred under the terms of that certain Mortgage which secures the payment of indebtedness due to First State Bank of Newcastle and which Mortgage is a lien upon the following-described real property together with improvements thereon and appurtenances appertaining thereto situate in Weston County, Wyoming ("Mortgaged Property"), to wit:

The South 60 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Original Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof; AND

A tract of land located in the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 4 in Block 14 in the Original Town of Newcastle, Wyoming; thence running Easterly along the alley line of said Lot for a distance of 30 feet; thence running Northerly 45 feet; thence running Westerly 30 feet to the Westerly lot line of said Lot 4; thence running southerly 45 feet to the place of beginning, all of said property being in the Original Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof;

which Mortgage is dated August 31, 2012 and Aaron Seeking is the mortgagor and First State Bank of Newcastle is the mortgagee and which was recorded on September 10, 2012 in Book 339 of Photos at page 815 in the real property records in and for Weston County, Wyoming maintained in the Office of the County Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming.

Said Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default thereunder First State Bank of Newcastle, as mortgagee, declares to be operative. No suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof. The amount(s) of the indebtedness due to First State Bank of Newcastle upon the obligations secured by the Mortgage (principal, interest, late fees and other amounts, if any) as of the date of first publication of this Notice is \$76,136.89, to which will be added the costs and expenses of foreclosure (including reasonable attorney's fees) and interest accruing after the date of this Notice, and to which any payments made toward such indebtedness will be credited.

First State Bank of Newcastle as mortgagee will have said Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the Mortgaged Property above-described to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff (or Deputy Sheriff) in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2016 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming. The amount(s) due to First State Bank of Newcastle secured by the Mortgage shall be announced at the time of sale.

The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale, and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

First State Bank of Newcastle
A Wyoming banking corporation
By: James M. Peck
Attorney No. 5-2021
Hansen and Peck
Attorneys At Law
18 West Main
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701
(307) 746-2761

(Publish January 28, February 4, 11 and 18, 2016)

pickup, as described, to Gary Newman for \$50. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. He will meet tomorrow, (1/20/16), with the WY Water Development Commission and the engineer that is working on the water lines on Stampede, the control stations, and the water piping for Well #3. 3. Crews are working on meter pits, water taps, and fixing culverts on Grandview Drive; drainage at ball fields and drainage on Wolcott Street; spreading sand.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor James stopped the regular meeting to hold a bid opening for the Washington Subdivision lots. Bid for Lot 1 in Block 3 \$40,000 Lanny and Connie Reimer; 2nd bid Lot 3, Block 3 \$40,000 from Lanny and Connie Reimer; \$40,000 was the minimum bid and there were no other bids. Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to accept a \$40,000 bid for Lot 1, Block 3, and Lot 3 of Block 3 each in the amount of \$40,000 from Lanny and Connie Reimer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. Requested to put PD #7 car 2007 Crown Victoria out as surplus and to transfer the title of the car to the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy for their driving training at the academy. Mayor James stated that this type of transfer was legal. Roger Hespe moved and Don Steveson seconded to surplus the 2007 Crown Victoria and transfer to the WY Law Enforcement Academy as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. CSO just returned from training.

City Clerk/Treasurer – 1. Gave the semi-annual financial report for FY 2015-16. 2. Stated that although the City was turned down for a Wyoming Association of Municipalities Energy Loan for the Furnace/Lighting Improvement project, the City can and will still apply for a \$20,000 State Energy Office energy grant to fund the proposed lighting improvements throughout the City buildings. She had the WyLite consultant do an energy audit and the City can recoup the cost of upgrading the fixtures and replacing bulbs with LED bulbs in three years' time. However, the cost of the upgrade is a bit over \$20,000 initial outlay estimate. 3. She shared a concern over a bill, Senate File No. 13, which would divert some of the State severance taxes to the Wyoming Permanent Mineral Trust Fund prior to being distributed to the municipalities.

City Attorney Jim Peck – 1. He is working with the City Engineer regarding the water well; 2. there have been some contentious dog issues in municipal court.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT: None.

Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to pay claims dated January 19, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED.

Todd Quigley moved and Roger Hespe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

MOTIO CARRIED.

City Financial Report

CITY OF NEWCASTLE SEMI-ANNUAL FY 2016 YTD FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

REVENUES ACCOUNT	NET ESTIMATE	YTD RECEIPTS	GOAL 50%
Taxes	\$838,395.00	\$563,027.56	67%
Licenses & Permits	\$177,400.00	\$120,375.72	68%
State Shared Revenue	\$1,786,434.00	\$1,208,680.37	68%
Office Services	\$50.00	\$0.00	0%
City Hall Rental	\$13,000.00	\$10,200.00	78%
Police Department Revenue	\$160,250.00	\$96,846.75	60%
Cemetery Revenue	\$7,400.00	\$4,450.00	60%
Other General Revenue	\$840,621.00	\$89,006.31	11%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$3,823,550.00	\$2,092,586.71	55%
Water Revenue	\$3,140,954.00	\$462,403.81	15%
TOTAL WATER REVENUE	\$3,140,954.00	\$462,403.81	15%
Sewer Revenue	\$330,103.00	\$130,999.60	40%
TOTAL SEWER REVENUE	\$330,103.00	\$130,999.60	40%
Garbage Revenue	\$624,746.00	\$390,885.13	63%
TOTAL GARBAGE REVENUE	\$624,746.00	\$390,885.13	63%
Semi-Annual			
TOTAL REVENUE 2015-16	\$7,919,353.00	\$3,076,875.25	39%

APPROPRIATIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATED	YTD EXPENDED	GOAL 50%
Legislative	\$22,600.00	\$11,085.20	49%
Judicial	\$33,757.00	\$17,222.00	51%
Executive	\$7,200.00	\$3,599.96	50%
Clerk & Treasurer	\$138,474.00	\$68,952.04	50%
City Attorney	\$33,600.00	\$16,800.00	50%
General Administration	\$371,534.00	\$183,562.81	49%
City Hall	\$44,452.00	\$29,868.27	67%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$651,617.00	\$331,090.28	51%
Police Department	\$1,533,883.00	\$617,514.30	40%
Fire Department	\$187,700.00	\$271,301.16	145%
City Engineer/Protective Inspection	\$107,801.00	\$45,522.81	42%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,829,384.00	\$934,338.27	51%
Streets & Alleys	\$811,316.00	\$504,630.71	62%
Land	\$0.00	\$1,218.47	
City Engineer-Street Department	\$40,642.00	\$29,515.10	73%
Cemetery	\$53,187.00	\$12,632.04	24%
Airport	\$74,689.00	\$80,872.92	108%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$979,834.00	\$628,869.24	64%
Senior Citizens Center	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	25%
Weston Co. Children's Center	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	25%
No.WY Mental Health	\$6,500.00	\$1,625.00	25%
FOCUS	\$6,500.00	\$1,625.00	25%
Weston Co. In-Home Health	\$5,500.00	\$1,375.00	25%
Weston Co. Youth Services	\$14,956.00	\$778.25	5%
Ambulance Service	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.02	50%
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$172,456.00	\$65,153.27	38%
Parks	\$121,059.00	\$35,142.79	29%
Newcastle Recreation Board	\$39,200.00	\$14,750.44	38%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$160,259.00	\$49,893.23	31%
Humane Society	\$17,000.00	\$4,250.00	25%
Chamber of Commerce	\$13,000.00	\$3,250.00	25%
Elections	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	25%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$3,823,550.00	\$2,016,844.29	53%
WATER FUND			
Debt Service/Bond Payment	\$63,478.00	\$63,477.49	100%
Wells, Tanks & Equipment	\$1,607,000.00	\$41,016.72	3%
Transmission and Distribution	\$1,061,429.00	\$127,067.91	12%
City Engineer - Water	\$37,388.00	\$40,765.41	109%
Accounting & Collection	\$66,627.00	\$20,773.82	31%
Other General Expense	\$305,032.00	\$75,444.69	25%
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	\$3,140,954.00	\$368,546.04	12%
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Sewer Department	\$298,502.00	\$84,067.94	28%
City Engineer - Sewer	\$31,601.00	\$12,150.87	38%
TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$330,103.00	\$96,218.81	29%
GARBAGE DEPARTMENT			
Garbage	\$330,754.00	\$201,343.98	61%
City Engineer - Garbage	\$52,301.00	\$22,499.53	43%
Other General Expenses	\$241,691.00	\$71,514.62	30%
TOTAL GARBAGE DEPARTMENT	\$624,746.00	\$295,358.13	47%
Semi-Annual			
TOTAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS 2015-16	\$7,919,353.00	\$2,776,967.27	35%

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish January 28, 2016)

CLAIMS: B&K Cleaning, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; BH Boot Repair, fireman coat repair, \$45.00; BH Power, electricity, \$1881.23; Eddie's Truck, labor/repairs/Freightliner, \$2847.98; John's Electric, r&r baseboard heaters/landfill, 294.85; Newcastle PD, postage, notary, \$126.52; News Letter Journal, publishing, supplies, \$2685.97; Office Shop Inc., copy chg., \$43.35; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$106.81; One Call of WY, locate tickets, \$9.75; Overhead Door, repair/City Shop, \$551.40; Petty Cash, Reimb/WY title, \$15.00; PROJEX, remote IT work, \$393.75; Rapid Delivery, delivery fees, \$80.53; Safeguard Business, tax forms, 48.84; Salt Creek Vet, rabies shots/shop cats, \$32.00; WCS Telecom, l/d tele, \$160.10; WEBT, life insurance, \$103.00; Weston Co. Fire Protection, gravel at fire hall, \$1089.86; Weston Co. Road & Bridge, December fuel, \$6643.99; Weston Co Treasurer, tax handling, airport project Draw #6, 3772.99; Weston Co. Humane Society, food fee, \$12.00; WYDOT/Technical Services, landfill license, \$25.00; WYDOT, license Dodge Charger, \$5.00; WY Water Quality, memberships, \$60.00; SUPPLIES: Ad-Pro, \$38.17; American Solutions for Business, \$949.47; Cambria Supply, \$2264.54; Culligan, \$45.50; Deckers Food, \$85.07; Double D Obsolete Parts, \$77.16; DXP Enterprises, \$190.00; Family Dollar, \$62.25; Gateway Auto, \$378.79; Motor Power, \$841.06; Newcastle Hardware, \$1641.50; Northwest Pipe, \$466.90; Oil City Supply, \$52.80; Sheehan Mack, \$717.71; Shopko, \$145.59; Weston Co. True Value, \$73.09; Woody's, \$54.33; WY Auto, \$225.81; WATER DEPOSIT REFUNDS: Dean Highfill, \$49.86; Robert Kinney, \$26.71;

Greg James, Mayor
ATTES: City Clerk/Treasurer, Charita Brunner

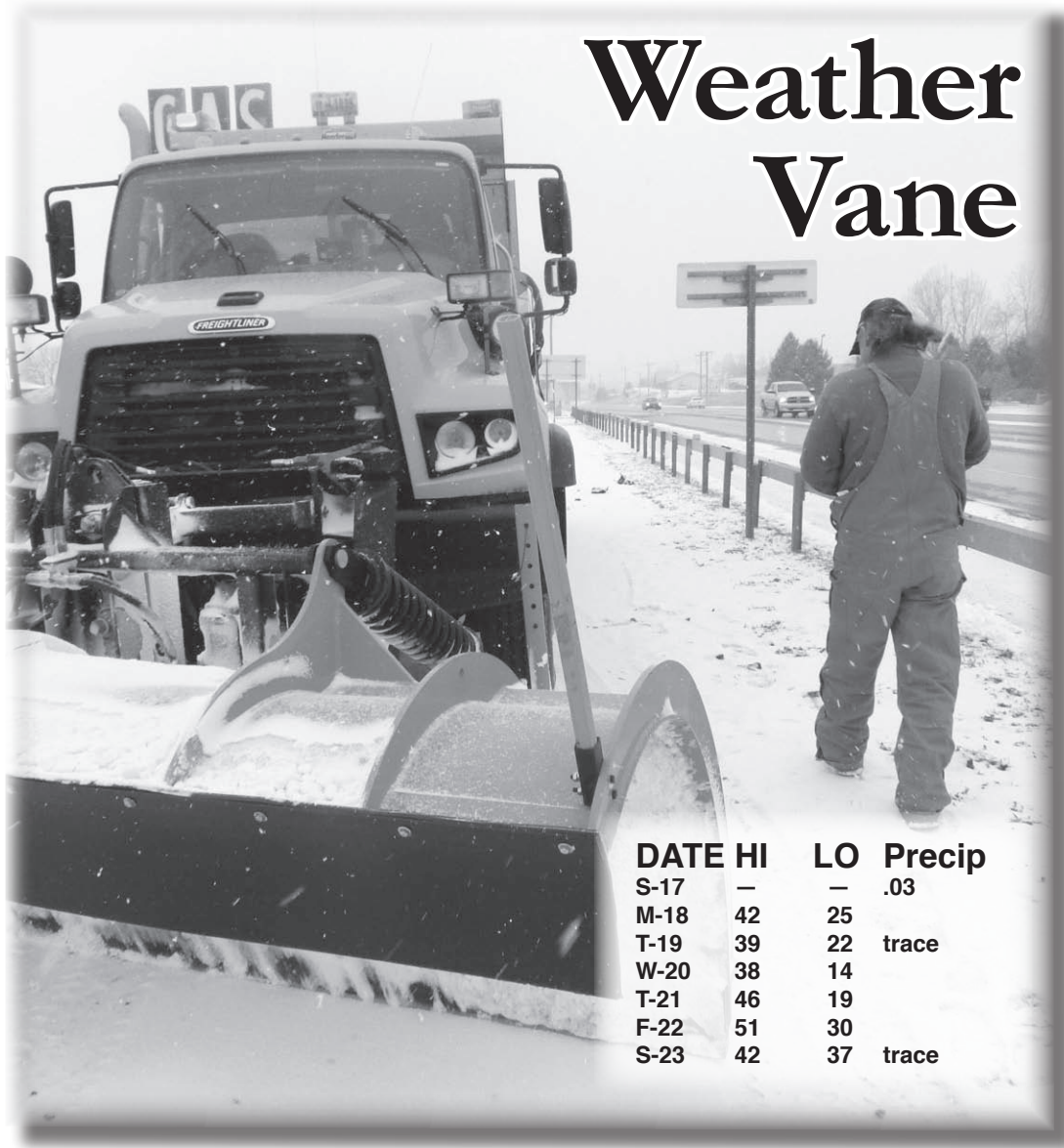
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Blotter

January 10, 2016
 Missing cat reported. Smoke reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large, impounded. Drug activity reported. Barking dog complaint, Citation issued. 911 hang up.

January 11
 Traffic complaint. Welfare check requested. Funeral Escort requested. Five VIN inspections requested. Paper service requested. Welfare check requested. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Dead deer reported.

January 12
 Child neglect reported. Two VIN inspections requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Juvenile problem reported. Missing child reported.

January 13
 Medical assist. Traffic Hazard reported. Found property reported. Dead animal reported. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Dead deer reported. Assist other agency. Domestic problem reported. Assist other agency.

January 14
 Open door discovered. Civil assist. Message delivery requested. Animal complaint. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Parking complaint. Missing dog reported.

January 15
 Barking dog complaint. Two VIN inspections requested. 911 hang up. Arrest Warrant issued. Fire alarm reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic complaint. Warrant Arrest. Minor accident reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Report of a dog at large. Arrest Warrant issued.

January 16
 Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Missing dog reported. Vandalism reported. Threats reported. Traffic

stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Motorist assist. 911 hang up.

January 17
 Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Barking dog complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Minor accident reported.

January 18
 Motorist assist. Littering reported. Message delivery. Message delivery. Phone fraud reported. Dog bite reported. Medical assist. VIN inspection requested. Assist other agency.

January 19
 Medical assist. Assist other agency. Funeral escort requested. Minor accident reported. Minor in Possession, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. 911 hang up. Welfare check requested.

January 20
 Civil standby requested. Disturbance reported. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Domestic disturbance reported. Civil assist.

January 21
 Assist other agency. Computer fraud reported. Civil problem reported. ID theft reported. Civil assist.

January 22
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Disturbance reported. Traffic complaint. Assist other agency. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Domestic reported. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

January 23
 Welfare check requested. Assist other agency. Dead deer reported. Medical assist. Barking dog complaint. Extra patrol requested.



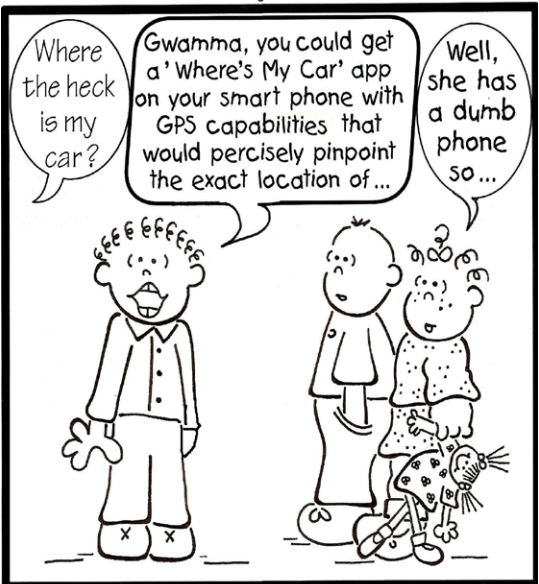
Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE WHCC KITCHEN ROOFTOP PROJECT AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Department of Corrections, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0066431 between the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Department of Corrections and Sheet Metal Specialties, Inc., whose address is: 1220 E. Yellowstone Highway (PO Box 1243) Casper, Wyoming 82602 for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the WHCC Kitchen Rooftop Project, at the Wyoming Department of Corrections WHCC, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming and the contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on March 1, 2016. The date of the first publication is January 21, 2016.

(Publish January 21, 28 and February 4, 2016)

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 STATE OF WYOMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 22nd of February, 2016, final settlement will be made by Weston County School District No. 1 of Newcastle, WY for and on account of the contract of Van Ewing Construction for the WSCD No. 1 EIFS Replacements and that any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid claim against said Van Ewing Construction for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other suppliers used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time upon to and including said time of such final settlement on said 22nd of February, 2016 file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with the

Weston County School District No. 1
 116 Casper Avenue
 Newcastle, WY 82701

Failure on the part of a claimant to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve said Weston County School District No. 1 from all and any liability for such claimant's claim.

Name of Owner
 Weston County School District No. 1
 By: Greg Gregory
 Maintenance Director

(Publish January 14, 21 and 28, 2016)

Fun and Games

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35. Baker's baker
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41. West African storyteller
43. ____-do-well
44. *Keep nuptials a secret
46. Alternative to truth
47. German mister
48. Nine voices, pl.
50. Seaside bird
52. Chester White's home
53. Lack of clarity
55. Workout unit
57. *Woo
61. *Popular Valentine shapes
64. Defendant's excuse
65. Cook's leaf
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71. Treeless plain
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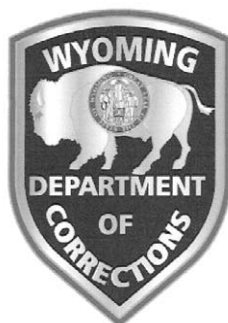
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Heart of the game

It has often been said that Wyoming is just one small town with really long roads, and the belief that Wyoming's towns are simply portions of the larger community that is Wyoming crystallized last Friday night on the gridiron in Wright.

Early last week, Panther football coach Larry Yeradi, who also serves as the Athletic Director at Wright High School, contacted the Dogies with a proposal. He suggested that if there was an opportunity in the matchup between the Dogies and the Panthers, that perhaps something could be worked out to get super fan and senior reporter, Derek Lewis, into the game.

Reporter Jack Nowlin of the Casper Star Tribune did a feature story on Derek last month, and apparently as Yeradi read it he noted that Lewis had hoped to one day be able to play in a football game. That article led him to devise the plan.

There were some details that had to be worked out in order to make the moment happen: After the initial contact from Yeradi, Donnie head

Defending state champion Calbi Assmann claimed another 3A East Conference title on Friday, and ran complete an undefeated season by claiming the state title in Sheridan this week. (Bob Houston/NLJ)

Calbi vs. The Cart

Rawlins dogged her heels early in the race, but by the time the runners made their second lap around the challenging course, Assmann had established a dominating lead. In fact, she romped the last corner, the only question that was unanswered was whether it would be Calbi or the cart that would cross the finish line first.

As Assmann kicked it into high gear and she stretched out her stride, the cart was still in the lead. Assmann was across the finish line and starting her cool down almost a full minute ahead. During the race, the Rawlins coach was heard encouraging his runner to catch Assmann, but those who are familiar with 3A East Coast County knew performance.

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1st Place

Sonja Karp, Sports Column -- Clear stances made in each column along with interesting subjects each time, these were awesome articles.

Jess Yarnes, Use of Color in Ad, Black Hills Power, "Art Imitating Life" — Very creative and an excellent job of presenting the ad theme and advertiser together. Very well done!

Bob and Stephanie Bonnar, Plus Business Ad Idea, Weston County School District #1, "Your Are An Important Piece of the Puzzle" — Great interaction with the paper/school district. This series of ads was a great way to acknowledge many school district employees who insure that the district runs smoothly. Shows the importance of what a local newspaper can do.

Alexis Shultz, Arts/Entertainment/Culture Reporting — A nice selection of diverse arts coverage, even though it relied a little too much on the process of government to tell it. Loved the fashion story -- seems like she really enjoyed writing it.

Todd Bennington, Miscellaneous Specialty Reporting, "Main Street revitalization" — Jess Yarnes, Small Ad, "Upton Fly-In" — Love the minimalism and use of white space — makes it feel airy and light, which works well for advertising a fly-in. This ad's style stood out from the rest.

Jess Yarnes, Merchandise Ad, Voelker's Autobody and Glass, "Full Mechanic Services" — Love the simplicity and clean lines. The typography and illustration work well together and there is great use of white space.

Jess Yarnes, Best Designed Ad, Wyoming Refining Company "Powering our nations defense" — Excellent use of images. Strong theme and very clean design. A strong ad.

Bob and Stephanie Bonnar, Plus Business Ad Idea, Wyoming Refining Company Community, "Beautification" — The sponsored ads reflect on what is taking place "locally." It captures the real value of local based newspaper ads and provided the client with a strong "vanity" presence. Well done!

Art imitating life – with energy!

Standing in the shadows of the Black Hills' western slope is the bustling north-eastern Wyoming town of Newcastle. Burlington-Northern Santa Fe runs through the city's center like clockwork every twenty minutes, shipping car after car of the Powder River Basin coal that powers our nation.

Just a few blocks off the tracks, one can't help but notice the silhouette of the oil refinery that operates near the heart of downtown. The Newcastle City Council recently recognized the energy provided by Black Hills Power with a Majoral Certificate of Appreciation for the pedestrian path-lighting project completed in 2014. Fifteen decorative street lights were installed by Black Hills Power along the path.



Art by Jimmie Josephson



Left to Right: Matt Hamblin - Service Mechanic, Nicole McFarland - CSR, Ronnie Holt - Line Service Working Foreman

"The lights look great and provide that side of town with extra safety and beauty," said Councilwoman Linda Hunt. "The city could not have accomplished this project without the help of Black Hills Power." Newcastle's continuing education of courses, instructed by Jimmie Josephson and provided by Eastern Wyoming Community College, were so inspired by the lighting project that painting the lighted path was made a class assignment.

Black Hills Power

The '70s are calling

The first day of school is just around the corner, and for many this means digging to fill their closets with the fashion that will represent them for the entire year.

Zelby, an online retailer focused on helping customers discover special fashion finds, recently reported that the styles of the '70s were popular in Wyoming, but the '80s, '90s, and 2000s were well represented throughout the state also.

A pair of local girls, middle-schooler Anna Graham and colleague Madd Lacey, combined that '70s fashion to easily reflected through their fashion choices today, but had more to say on why they don't think themselves to be '70s fashionistas.

"I really like hippie clothing," Lacey smiled, full of high-waisted bell-bottoms, which was a staple of the '70s fashion era.



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Jess Yarnes, Merchandise Ad, Voelker's Autobody and Glass, "Full Mechanic Services" — Love the simplicity and clean lines. The typography and illustration work well together and there is great use of white space.

Jess Yarnes, Best Designed Ad, Wyoming Refining Company "Powering our nations defense" — Excellent use of images. Strong theme and very clean design. A strong ad.


Bob and Stephanie Bonnar, Plus Business Ad Idea, Wyoming Refining Company Community, "Beautification" — The sponsored ads reflect on what is taking place "locally." It captures the real value of local based newspaper ads and provided the client with a strong "vanity" presence. Well done!

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